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State licensing proposed for rental homes

By ALISON ALOISIO

Some Bethel-area innkeepers are supporting a legislative bill that would require rental homes, camps and condos to meet the same state lodging licensing criteria that inns and hotels do.

The requirements could include complying with life safety, water testing, wastewater, rubbish disposal, laundering, food, ADA, fire sprinkling and other codes, according to state and tourism officials.

"I think that would be devastating," said the owner of a business that rents properties for individual owners.

The business owner, who did not wish to be identified, said the cost of compliance with the requirements would stop those owners from renting their properties. "If you need to be a hotel, I couldn't do what I do," the owner said.

But Kathy Thrall, owner of the Inn at the Rostay, says it's getting harder and harder to do what she does because of the competition from rentals that don't have to pay to be in licensing compliance.

Thrall and several other Bethel innkeepers wrote letters or went to Augusta last week to testify in favor of LD 330, a bill introduced by Sen. John Patrick (D-Rumford), which would remove current exemptions for lodging places.

A summary of LD 330 states in part, "Current law requires lodging places to be licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services; lodging houses may be licensed by the municipality under the direction of state law. Private homes, when not more than 5 rooms are let, rooms and cottages where not more than 3 rooms or cottages are let, and fraternity and sorority houses affiliated with educational institutions are exempt from licensing by

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A rose for every year

Former Bethel resident Katheryn M. Eames celebrated her 90th birthday on Feb. 28, and her family marked the occasion by presenting her with 90 long-stemmed red roses. She was also the recipient of many cards from family and friends near and far. Mrs. Eames lived on Chapman Street for many years, and worked for a time in the Bethel town office; she is a life member of the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Order of the Eastern Star. She and her family moved to Cape Elizabeth in the early 1970s, and she currently resides at the Cape Elizabeth Home in South Portland. *(Photo: Tim Riley)*

Newry voters quiz officials, OK budget

By ALISON ALOISIO

At Monday's town meeting, Newry voters closely questioned town officials on staff raises, roadwork, trash and the proposed use of erosion control funds, but in the end approved all of the money articles.

The votes leave the town with a $771,838 municipal budget, down from last year's $834,262.

Forty-five people turned out for the hour and fifteen-minute meeting.

The questioning started with the first money article – administrative costs – which includes staff salaries and wages.

Selectmen earlier this year agreed to 2 percent raises for the staff. But Brad Wight objected.

"Most other places are hard up," he said. "Nobody's getting raises, and last year we gave everyone a 3 percent raise, and this year a 2 percent."

Selectman Wendy Hanscom said the town often uses SAD 44 raises as a guide. "They're at about 3.3 percent, but we didn't do 3.3 percent," she said.

Replied Wight, "No other company is giving cost of living raises. Health insurance has gone up and you're bringing home less. The town's giving everybody more and more. I ought to quit my job and become a town employee full-time."

Another resident asked what each staff member makes. Town Administrator Loretta Powers said her salary is $59,000 and Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney's is $48,840, while Deputy Clerk Anita Clark makes $16.87/hour and Assistant Clerk Laura Lowell $12.24. Newry pays health benefits for the employee only.

Freeman Corriveau said, "For that kind of money, we ought to have the town office open on Fridays."

For the past 15 years, said Powers, the office has been open four days a week for 10 hours a day, 7-5.

She said some people prefer to come early in the morning or late afternoon because of their work schedules, and she often helps people arriving at 6:45 a.m.

Voters eventually approved the $247,773 requested for the administrative article.

Road maintenance

When it came time to vote on road maintenance for a proposed $128,500, residents wanted to know if money had been saved this year by putting the work out to bid. The summer and winter work had been done for years by D.A. Wilson, but at last year's town meeting selectmen were directed to ask for bids.

Powers said she did not have a numbers comparison, in part because the winter maintenance was separated out this year. New contractor Cross Excavation has a three-year contract for $88,000. She also said Cross was supplying sand and salt this year, whereas last year the town bought it separately.

But Pat Roma thought the calculations should be made. "I 'd like to think the townspeople deserve a comparison," he said.

Powers said she would do it at a later date. She also said the selectmen expect to put the summer work out to bid.

Voters approved $121,028 for the Tri-Town Transfer Station, which Newry shares with Bethel and Hanover.

But Corriveau questioned the direction of the board that oversees the station.

"They need some new ideas. Everybody else has a [trash] compactor," he

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Property rights versus property maintenance debated in Woodstock

By ALISON ALOISIO

A public hearing last week on proposed changes to Woodstock's property maintenance ordinance generated some heated debate over property rights and property protection.

The ordinance, in place since 2008, sets minimum standards for maintenance in order to protect public health and safety and to prevent nuisance conditions, according to its stated purpose.

About 30 people turned out for the Feb. 26 hearing, which also addressed a proposed new wind ordinance and changes to the current fireworks ordinance. All the ordinance proposals will be voted upon at the March 25 annual town meeting.

Property

Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman has asked that several clarifications be added to the property maintenance ordinance in order to provide a more solid basis for her enforcement work.

The changes spell out procedures for her to enter a property "when legally authorized to do so upon information indicating the likelihood of a violation."

The proposed amend-

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Selectmen choose mid-range dam bid

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen Tuesday awarded a bid for dam reconstruction, wrapped up work on the town's proposed 2013 budget and voted to support an effort to return rail service to the region.

The board unanimously chose Cross Excavation's bid of $71,000 to rebuild the Lake Christopher dam.

Other bids included Korhonen Land Care ($49,200), Andre's Construction ($109,000); Bancroft ($109,750), and Wyman & Simpson ($123,364).

Selectman Ron Deegan said he favored Cross because the contractor brought a "concrete man" to a preliminary dam inspection with project engineer Jim Sysko, and the expert offered other options for doing the work.

"That shows initiative," said Deegan.

Rick Young said was confident Cross had the resources to complete the job in the Aug. 15-Sept. 15 work window.

The town currently has $102,800 available for the project. The bid chosen was lower than anticipated, allowing selectmen to reduce an additional $55,000 amount they planned to propose at the March 25 town meeting for the project. The board settled on $20,000. Other project expenses include the engineering fees.

The board also approved a proposed 2013 budget of $2,491,698, up from last year's $2,416,977. The figure includes county tax and an estimate for the SAD 44 share.

If town meeting voters approve the budget, the amount to be raised from taxes would be $2,136,993, up from $2,081,428.

The mil rate would be 11.76, up from 11.45.

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BOW aims for confident women

Anchor, use your back, paint your face, follow through.

A dozen women at the Bryant Pond 4H Camp listened recently as archery instructor Ron Fournier described the techniques and terminology for shooting an arrow at a target.

The women archers learned proper stance and form for shot placement. Fournier showed them how to grip the bow lightly, and use their back muscles while drawing the string back.

"Picture holding an apple between your shoulder blades," he said.

He demonstrated how to anchor the string each time in the same spot, right at the corner of their 'smile.'

After the archers released the string, they focused on keeping their releasing fingers in the same spot on their cheek - or "painting your face." The steady follow-through prevented dropping the bow down or plucking the string, which can cause deflection of the arrow.

The women were among 40 who came to the University of Maine's 4H Camp Feb. 22-24 for the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Winter Skills Weekend.

Besides archery, the women could also choose classes in winter survival, snowshoeing, ice fishing, fly tying, cooking wild game, firearms use, and primitive skills.

The BOW program is sponsored by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. BOW provides introductory learning experiences in a variety of outdoor skills including hunting, fishing and general outdoor recreation.

"This was the first winter skills weekend BOW program offered in the state of Maine," said Fournier, the Assistant Program Director at the UMaine 4H Center in Bryant Pond. "The participants included many women from Maine, and some from as far away as Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, and Nova Scotia. The women had a chance to try a new outdoors activity, bond with other women, and maybe step out of their comfort zone a bit."

The weekend's snowfall added a unique twist to the programming and was welcomed by most

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Letters

ANDOVER'S CORE

To the Editor:

Education is the core of Andover.

That's why it's so very important to keep our school, to give our small children the best possible start on their road of education. Even if it means leaving the District.

This year's graduates will be our 114th graduating class.

We will celebrate our 84th Annual Alumni Banquet. Which presents our graduates with the Andover Alumni Math and Science awards, East Andover Community Club Award, Lila Farrington Memorial Scholarship Award, Andover Service Circle Award, Allyson Hodgson Memorial Award, Michael Marston Vocational Studies Award, Anna Thurston Memorial Award, John and Eunice Fox Memorial Award, Sweatt Family Memorial Award, and the Walter Fox awards. My apologies if I've forgotten anyone. The banquet honors the current and 50-year reunion graduates.

Andover Educational Fund is on its 30th year. Which continues to help further educate our children, along with adult residents wanting to further their education.

We raise money to feed our children with the Hungry Kingdom Program.

Our community has a full service educational system dedicated to our students today, tomorrow and in the future.

That's why keeping Andover Elementary School is so important.

Education is the core of our town. It's just what makes Andover who we are.

If the townspeople who agreed to us joining the District 45 years ago, ever thought this could happen, in my opinion they never would have joined.

Closing our school will hurt us to the core.

Paula Lee
Andover Withdrawal Committee Petitioning Group Member Co-chair

THANKS TO PATHWAYS

To the Editor:

Before another week slips by, I want to commend the work of Mahoosuc Pathways and the six Bethel landowners who have reached tentative agreements to allow a public walking/biking trail to cross their land as reported in the Feb. 21 edition of the Bethel Citizen. The landowners in particular deserve a special "thank you" for their consideration. What a generous, courageous and community-spirited thing to do!

I know I am not alone in marveling at the constant and varied use of the walking path that begins in Davis Park. I've seen people on the pathway walking, running, biking, rolling in wheelchairs, walking their dogs, pushing strollers and visiting with friends at all hours, nearly every day. People use it all the time. The prospect of having this path extended all the way to Angevine Park is exciting. I like that it will potentially wind through parts of Bethel that we rarely see, including the back side of the airport, and past gravel mining and processing operations. To have the trail terminate at the beautiful facility that is Angevine Park is a bonus, especially for those who wish to ride their bicycles or walk to the Park without having to navigate the sometimes narrow and busy North Road.

I hope those of us who live or work in Bethel, and all of us in neighboring communities, will support this initiative in any way we can. Based solely on observed use of the current pathway, the extension would be used and enjoyed by residents of all ages and abilities. How often do we have the opportunity to build something that could bring enjoyment to so many, that supports physical health, that offers a safe route to a swimming pond and for which the user need simply to be able to walk or to wheel?

Thank you again, Mahoosuc Pathways and landowners, for your initiative. Thank you also for your faith in our community to appreciate and responsibly use this pathway extension. I hope we all can look forward to next steps.

Nancy Stowell White
Hanover

WIND LETTERS ON WEB

To the Editor:

We have received numerous questions about the number and content of the comments/complaints we've received from residents near the Spruce Mountain Turbines. This week we are posting on our website those that we have the author's permission to share with the public, and we invite Woodstock residents to read them at: http://woodstockwindordinance.blogspot.com/.

We thank you for your interest and support.

Bob Elliott
For the Woodstock Wind Ordinance Committee

CORRECTION

GILEAD TOWN MEETING DATE-A list of town meeting dates in last week's Citizen should have said the Gilead meeting will be *Saturday*, March 30.

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ANDOVER PARENTS APPRECIATE SUPPORT

To the Editor:

Thank you Andover Neighbors: Secure Education is our Future!

Thank you to the folks in Andover who made it out to the Andover Withdrawal Committee informational meeting last Tuesday night.

Speaking for many Andover parents, we appreciate your support for Andover Elementary (AES) it is an important part of lives and community.

My husband and I moved to this community in 2011 along with our daughter. I was hesitant to send my daughter to Andover Elementary due to fear of its closing; however, after meeting many of our daughter's soon to be classmates, their parents, and the AES staff, I knew this was the best place for our daughter. So we've taken a chance! And my husband and I have been busy involved in everything happening in the school ever since. As a member of the PTA I am at the school weekly either helping with the Arts and Crafts (Friendship Club), helping to coordinate events such as, Grandparents Day, Halloween parties, Christmas craft fairs, or just supporting any school-sponsored activity as well as volunteering at the school library once a month.

It is important for a child to attend school in the community where they live. My husband proves this is true; he was an AES student who grew up in this community and now he brings a family and a business to this community. We support our school, our church, and all local businesses. We are living proof that we need to keep our strong educational values and elementary school in Andover; these children are our future and our community's future and you can't put a price tag on that.

And for those of you who may ask where were the parents at last Tuesday's meeting, I want to make you aware that as a parent 7 p.m. is a very difficult time for us to be going out of the home. We are busy preparing those precious students for the next school day, so while we may not make it to every meeting, please be reassured that we are aware of where the Withdrawal Committee is in the process and we are working very hard behind the scenes getting the word out and letting others know how important keeping education in Andover is to us!

Recently, we had the pleasure of welcoming another new family to the community; they were drawn here by the quality of life we have to offer here our school and by the shared experience of her lifelong friend who had already moved her family here.

So, thank you for your continued support of Andover's future as a solid community. Keeping the elementary school open, supporting the Withdrawal Committee, reaching out to your friends, family members, and State officials to let them know that we want to keep Education in Andover. This is an exciting and bold step, going on our own, is the best thing you can do for Andover's future. Let's set the precedence because other communities are facing similar difficulties let's show them it can be done and pave the way!

Thank you.

Amber Cooper
Andover

SAD 44 DIRECTOR RESPONDS ON ANDOVER

To the Editor:

I serve on the SAD 44 Andover Withdrawal Committee as a school board director from Woodstock. I have consistently voted to keep the Andover Elementary School open because of its past excellent educational performance and critical role in community development.

I am concerned about some of the comments in Feb. 28 Bethel Citizen article on Andover's withdrawal proposal. The article states that the major sticking point in negotiations is that Andover wishes to maintain the right to choose where their students attend school while the recent counterproposal from SAD 44 requested a 10-year exclusive agreement for Andover students to attend SAD 44. The article further states that "committee members told those at the meeting that the committee this week sent a counterproposal withdrawal agreement with that stipulation to SAD 44."

Selectwoman Susan Merrow was concerned that SAD 44 was procrastinating. She said, "I'm concerned that the Board doesn't know how serious this is. I don't know if they're getting information. They don't seem to be in a hurry."

The SAD 44 Withdrawal Committee sent the most recent counterproposal withdrawal agreement to Andover on Jan. 25. As of the writing of this letter on Tuesday, March 5, SAD 44 has not received a written response from Andover. There is no Andover proposal on the table for SAD 44 to consider.

I consider the withdrawal and the negotiations very seriously and Dr. Murphy and SAD 44's attorney have well informed me about the issues and consequences of withdrawal. The withdrawal from SAD 44 by Andover is a complex issue with many critical financial and organizational details that have to be considered carefully.

My major responsibility is to SAD 44 students and the remaining taxpayers, if Andover votes to withdraw. Therefore, I am working towards a withdrawal agreement with minimal if no negative financial and other consequences to the remaining students and citizens of SAD 44.

The SAD 44 School Board authorized our legal counsel by unanimous motion to negotiate on our behalf, in consultation with the Superintendent. Our subcommittee has been active and provided the guidance, which resulted in a written counteroffer back to the Andover Withdrawal Committee. The entire school board will approve any withdrawal agreement.

I will not know Andover's conditions for withdrawal until I see a written response to our counterproposal of Jan. 25. Negotiating via newspaper articles or other means by individuals is not productive and only creates confusion. I can only respond to written proposals and counterproposals.

I hope that Andover citizens will carefully study the consequences and costs of withdrawal before they vote.

Marcel Polak
Woodstock

THANKS FROM TRINWARD FAMILY

To the Editor:

Cindy and Kevin Trinward are full of love, thankfulness and blessings to so many of you forever! Our dearest nurturing friends in the Bethel area and our true "ski family" at Sunday River from Dana Bullen/President and General Manager – to all of his most incredible staff and the skiers there have surrounded us with their love, great energy, laughter and positive blessings.

We had two major family losses since October and then the sudden February brain surgery on Cindy that has taken her skis away for this season. But her zest for life and celebrating each day with all of you is definitely back!!!

We will be forever grateful to have all of you in our life and will love you forever! Enjoy each day and feel our hugs!

From deep within our hearts,

Cindy and Kevin Trinward
Gray and Bethel

REMEMBERING GLORIA SNYDER

To the Editor:

The recent death of Gloria Snyder brings back memories of a devoted mother and wife who possessed a good sense of humor. She also was very interested in local history and genealogy. Gloria spent many hours at the Bethel Historical Society working on her family history and served for a time as a research volunteeer in the society's library. Through the years, I came to know her and her late husband, Ron, well, and appreciate their strong devotion to their family and the community.

For years on Molly Ockett Day, Gloria and Ron could be found on my front lawn ready to watch the annual fireworks. During that time, we often exchanged various stories about local characters and laughed a lot as we recalled our numerous memories of the past.

Molly Ockett Day has never been the same since Ron died several years ago, and with Gloria's passing this year, the finality of the end of an era will be more marked than ever.

Stan Howe
Bethel

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A heating system failure caused frozen pipes and flooding in the nearly-completed 12-unit affordable-housing complex in Bethel Station.

More than 200 residents attended the annual town meeting in West Paris, and overwhelmingly approved changing to a town manager form of government.

Deaths: Ranald Carry Stevens, Leland L. Wilson, Ronald E. Pike.

20 years ago: Third graders at Crescent Park School were holding fundraisers to help purchase seedlings to plant on the Kids for Trees lot.

Advertising and graphic arts assistant, Catherine Ponte, and receptionist, Nancy Wight joined the staff at the Bethel Citizen.

Birth: Zachary Austin Palmer.

Deaths: Serena F. Buck, Alice Jodrey.

30 years ago: Renovations were being made at the Bethel Library that included a new room on the second floor with study carrels, map files, shelving for newspapers and vertical file drawers.

UNH sophomore Eric Hastings represented the college in the NCAA ski championships in Bozeman, Utah.

Birth: Alex James Johnson.

Deaths: Mrs. Elsie M. Ames, Mrs. Katherine Barnett Wight.

40 years ago: The senior class at Telstar Regional High School presented the play "Grandad Goes Wild."

Evergreen Valley celebrated its official opening as a year-round recreational facility.

Births: Alisha Mae James, Walter James Smith, Octavia Desdemon Poole, Sunshine Suseanne Sessions.

50 years ago: Alice Smith, Donna Meisner and Dorothy Stillman were vying for the queen's crown at the Pineland Winter Carnival at Andover.

Woodstock High School held its winter carnival at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes.

Death: Clyde W. Ripley.

60 years ago: The Bethel Players presented the three-act comedy, "It Happened One Night" at the William Bingham Gymnasium.

An estimated 175 people attended a candlelight dedication service for the new organ at the Locke Mills Union Church.

Deaths: Mrs. Alta Lathrop, Charles E. Lord, Zelda Irene Smiley.

70 years ago: Appropriations at the Bethel town meeting were $44,369.40.

Slight earthquake shocks were felt in this vicinity.

Sugar stamp No. 12 was good for five pounds of sugar from March 16 to the last of May (11 weeks).

Death: Mrs. Annie Johnson.

80 years ago: The Ladies Aid sponsored a successful and unusual vaudeville at Odeon Hall.

The men of the Congregational Church cooked and served a chicken pie dinner to over 200.

90 years ago: H.C. Rowe made extensive repairs on his home in Kimball Park.

Mr. Walden came by dog team from Wonalancet and was a guest at Bethel Inn.

Deaths: Lillian Ruth Ingalls, Mrs. Olive A. Ingalls.

100 years ago: Appropriations at Bethel town meeting were $13,160.00.

Chevalier Salvatore Giordano, the great Italian tenor, was on Dr. W. R. Chapman's concert program presented in Bethel.

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LD 330

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the State. Lodging houses with fewer than 5 lodgers are exempt from municipal licensing.

"This bill removes the exemptions from state licensing of lodging places, private homes and inns, requiring them all to be licensed by the State, and repeals the authority of a municipality to license lodging houses since it will now be done by the State."

Patrick said he introduced the bill after hearing from Bethel and Rumford innkeepers. Last week's hearing took place before the Health and Human Services Committee.

Thrall said then that her tax, insurances, utilities and mortgage are set at commercial rates, and "these unregulated, unlicensed properties are taking away from my potential rentals. Very often in the winter, during ski races at Sunday River, Mt. Abram or Black Mountain, my establishment is virtually empty while the area rental houses are full. I have lost many of my 'regular' ski team groups to local unlicensed houses because they can offer more affordable deals than I can. The state in turn loses sales tax revenue if this housing establishment chooses not to pay their sales tax. Almost every lodging establishment in Bethel is for sale because it is no longer possible to make a profit in the lodging industry."

She gave an example of a Bethel inn that she said wanted to increase its number of rentals by renovating an upper floor.

"The state required that they put in a sprinkler system, fire doors and escape routes," said Thrall. "This was too costly."

Later, she said, the property was sold and the current owner "now rents out the entire same house with no restrictions or requirements."

Thrall also described a large home that she said sleeps more than three dozen people, has many amenities and rents for weddings and other functions, but has no license.

Chad McGrew of the River View Resort in Bethel said the problem Thrall described "has grown worse with each passing year as outside owners build mansions capable of sleeping dozens of people and have no intent of ever using the facility as a home."

Other local inns supporting the legislation included the Bethel Inn, the Chapman Inn and the Norseman Inn.

Thrall proposed that to address the problem, the definition of a lodging establishment be "any building that offers sleeping accommodations for four or more persons."

Other ideas

Also testifying last week was Greg Dugal of the Maine Innkeepers Association. He said the 2009 recession increased the numbers of homes offered for rent as owners sought new sources of cash.

Dugal said Friday that he believes the workload of taking on many more rental properties would be more than state inspectors could handle.

He suggested that a compromise might be found by making a distinction between overnight lodging of two or three nights, and casual rentals for longer periods of time, with the overnight lodgings requiring licensing.

McGrew offered another option: notifying homeowners "that if they offer lodging of more than two rooms, or to more than, say, eight people, they will be forced to meet certain state standards and pay sales tax, and then making it clear that the state intends to enforce stiff penalties on people caught not doing so would bring in a sudden influx of revenues.

"Clearly there would need to be some new guidelines and powers granted to those in charge of enforcing sales taxes on lodging facilities, but I can assure you that people trying to cheat would have a large contingent of watchdogs in the lodging businesses surrounding them.

"The state also needs to consider the ramifications of continuing business as usual. Sooner or later one of these houses with 25 people partying in it will burn with loss of life. The homeowner's insurance will not cover the liability and the state will be forced to act. Wouldn't it be more mature to act before?"

On the day of the hearing, Patrick said he proposed the bill to bring the issue forward for discussion, "to give businesses the opportunity to have a voice."

He said details of the bill could be worked out in the committee.

Other opponents

State Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel) said LD 330 would have a very serious effect locally.

"This bill is dangerous to hundreds of people who own hunting camps, fishing camps, condos and vacation homes in our area," he said. "It means huge financial losses for not just the owners but anyone connected to these rental properties which includes caretakers, carpenters, cleaning personnel, realtors, banks holding mortgages, and the list goes on and on.

"At a time when money is tight and people need jobs, elected officials should be promoting business rather then crushing it. LD 330 as it is written is a terrible piece of legislation. It is hard to imagine a worse possible time to propose this bill."

Fran Head, owner of Maine Street Realty & Rentals in Bethel, said the expense for home, condo, and camp owners to meet licensing requirements would have a great impact.

"As it is they pay for rental insurance, property tax, our fee, and any upkeep required," she said. "If there were more licensing costs added to the small homes, camps or condos most of the people renting would have to sell.

"Many of our clients are renting in order to keep these second homes. Many plan to retire to their properties here in Maine.

"Our lawmakers need to understand that putting more burden on rental properties is not going to help our economics.

"It will make it hard for many second-home owners to keep their properties. If the state collects 7% lodging tax on most of the vacation rentals, then why rock that boat and overburden owners?"

Several years ago Thrall was involved in supporting a similar bill but, she said, it was not successful.

A work session on LD 330 is scheduled for March 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cross Building, adjacent to the State House.

Newry

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said, using Gilead as an example.

In another article residents voted again on a Tri-Town-related issue, transferring $15,276 that has been sitting in the Tri-Town Transfer Station Capital Improvement Account to the Capital Projects Account.

Hanscom said the town had approved the money a decade ago in anticipation of Bethel also raising money to upgrade the station and add a compactor, but Bethel never followed through.

Money from two other accounts that have sat idle for several years was also moved to Capital Projects.

Former selectman Steve Wight said the Bear River and Sunday River Watershed accounts, with amounts of $28,363 and $9,431 respectively, had been used in the past for such work as saving roads that were threatened by erosion.

He advocated keeping the remaining money where it was because grant funds were expected to be available soon through the Androscoggin River Watershed Council, and it could be used as a grant match to do work on trout habitat and culvert removal or alignment.

Selectman Brooks Morton said that earlier trout habitat work in Newry had not proven effective in increasing fish populations.

Powers said she had recommended putting the question of the watershed and Tri-Town accounts on the warrant because "I saw money sitting there, and we have roads to fix."

Townspeople voted 25-11 on the Bear River account and 21-13 on the Sunday River one to move the money.

After a lengthy discussion on current and future options for road improvements, voters approved $254,000 from the Capital Improvement Account to reclaim the Lone Pine Road and pave a portion of the Sunday River Road.

The only article voted down Monday was one asking if townspeople wished to ask the commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation to remove the designation of "Scenic Byway" from a stretch of Route 26 in Newry.

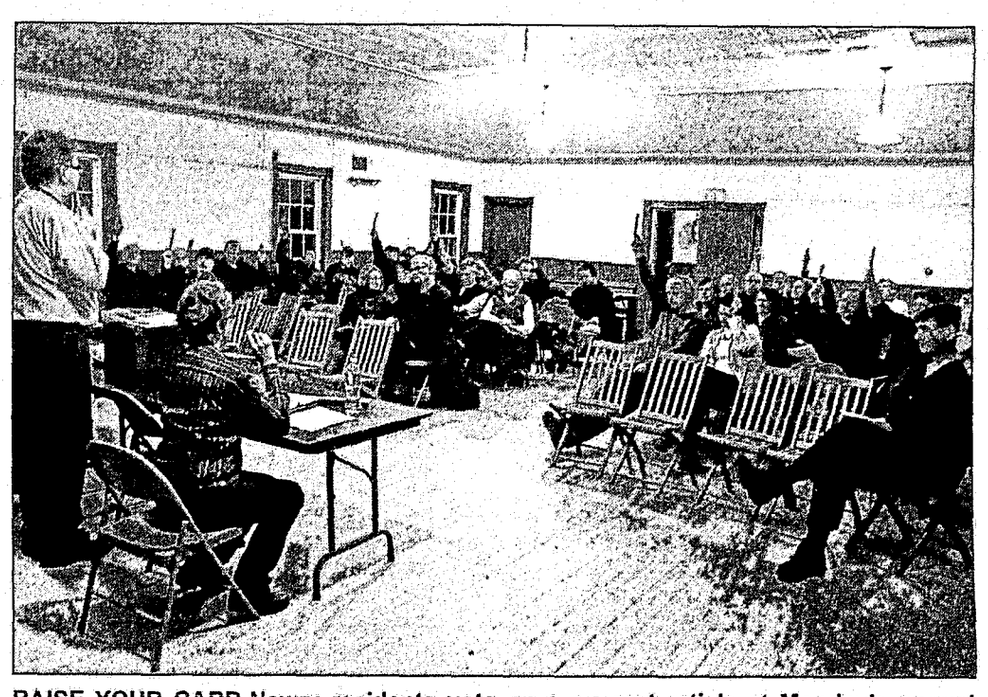
Some residents have worried that the designation could lead to town regulations that would further restrict the use of their land.

But, argued Steve Wight, "I think [removing the designation] is a very foolish thing to do. We are a town that exists because of recreation and tourism and forestry. People come to areas where there are Scenic Byways, and map out their vacation route by Scenic Byways. It means a whole lot to people who make their living through tourism in the area."

The vote was 16-12 to keep the designation.

Voters returned incumbent selectman Gary Wight and SAD 44 School Director Deb Webster to office unopposed for three years each, and Dog Officer Alan Fleet for a year.

The meeting was moderated by Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield.



RAISE YOUR CARD-Newry residents vote on a warrant article at Monday's annual town meeting as Assistant Clerk Laura Lowell counts. At left is moderator Vern Maxfield. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

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ments also outline specifics for taking legal action if violations continue after a set period of time.

Another proposed section states that "abandoned buildings (sheds, barns, shacks, garages) that are collapsing and dilapidated with broken/missing windows, holes in the roof and/or exterior walls, or having excessive vermin living in the structure or building will be required to be made safe or demolished."

A fourth change adds examples of accumulated items that could create a violation, including tires, household debris, scrap metals, wood and discarded lumber or plastic.

Corey-Whitman described her general approach for dealing with such problems. She said if she receives a complaint or finds a violation, she first seeks voluntary compliance.

"I'd rather work with people," she said. "Sometimes they just need help. If we can do that, we'll do it."

She said she preferred to assist with cleanup "prior to it becoming a junkyard."

Corey-Whitman also said there are already state statutes that give her some authority in such situations.

She was asked whether an outbuilding would be considered abandoned even if someone was living on the property, She said it would not.

Joy Sumner, who owns a camp on North Pond but is not a resident, was not satisfied with Corey-Whitman's reasoning and objected to the overall philosophy of the ordinance.

"Why is it your right to tell us what we can do with our property that we pay taxes on?" she asked. "Just because the neighbor next door or the guy going by doesn't like the way something looks, it's none of their business. If something happens to somebody, the town isn't going to get sued, I'm the one that's going to get sued. I think [the ordinance] should be shredded."

She added that if a fast food restaurant or a subdivision went in next to her property, "I might not like it, but it's not my business."

But Nancy Willard said her property values would be affected by a nearby rundown property.

"If I happen to be her neighbor, then my value of my property is diminished by the fact that your property looks like hell," she said.

Corey-Whitman told Sumner, "It may be your property, but if it gets to the point where it's dangerous, it does become a town issue. If I get complaints and I don't do my due diligence, and if somebody gets hurt, we're liable."

Sumner's husband, Floyd, offered his views on the larger implications of the ordinance.

"I see how communism works," he said. "This is exactly what is happening to our country today."

He then read a statement that he attributed to the late Soviet dictator, Nikita Kruschev.

Retorted Willard, "Do we have to listen to this? I don't agree with you at all. I didn't come to hear this. I came to hear other things."

"He has every right to say what he has to say," said Hank Forman.

Concluded Floyd Sumner, "This NIMBY. When it's in your backyard – your backyard stops where your property line ends."

Marcel Polak said he was not taking a position on the ordinance, but gave an example of a house that had been occupied by juveniles where, he said, bags of garbage piled up at a nearby house. The bags contained feces, and there were also rats around, he said.

"When it gets to be that bad the town, I believe, has to have some tools to figure out how to fix it," he said.

Corey-Whitman said that with or without an ordinance she could go on to a property in that situation, based on the state law. But, she said, the local ordinance gives her more opportunity to work with property owners on a problem. "This is not meant to stomp all over people's rights. I'm not that kind of person," she said.

One resident suggested that the phrase "to protect property values" be added to the stated purpose of the ordinance.

Floyd Sumner expressed frustration that he has no say in the fate of the ordinance.

"I don't think it's right that I can't vote," he said. "That's my property."

Town Manager Vern Maxfield said the couple would need to become residents to vote, which would mean spending most of their time living in Woodstock.

Other ordinances

The latter part of the hour-and-a-half hearing dealt with a proposed new wind ordinance and changes to the existing fireworks ordinance.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield was asked the next day to summarize the discussion. He said there were many questions asked about the wind proposal but not much opposition.

There have been complaints from neighbors of the new Spruce Mountain Wind LLC 10-turbine project, most of them relating to noise. The new ordinance would require a longer setback distance (one mile) from nearby property lines than does current state law.

The fireworks ordinance amendment would restrict use of consumer fireworks to only a few days out of the year, around July 4th, Labor Day and New Year's, and would match the restrictions in an ordinance approved recently in nearby Greenwood.

Maxfield said people at the hearing were skeptical of its value, because local law enforcement agencies would not enforce it.

BOW

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MOTHER-DAUGHTER OUTDOORS WOMEN- Above, Irene Marshall (front) and her daughter, Elizabeth, take aim in an indoor archery class. Inset, an unidentified woman removes arrows from the target. Below: an ice-fishing class.

(Photos: top, A. Aloisio; below, UMaine 4-H Camp)

participants, he said. On Saturday, there was an evening program on "Becoming a Maine Guide" and a short presentation on the UMaine 4H Camp and Learning Center's year-round activities.

Following the program, said Fournier, "several brave souls donned headlamps and headed back out into the snowy darkness for more adventure.

"About a dozen enjoyed learning how to ice fish for cusk (a nighttime feeder that inhabits Lake Christopher similar to a codfish) while several went for a snowshoe hike along the trails. One small group of women constructed their own snow survival shelter called a quince, and slept the night in it."

The instructors, many of whom were Bryant Pond 4H staff members, also included Denise Murchison of Silverton Sporting Ranch, Robin Folette, a member of the Beyond BOW program, and Emily MacCabe of IF&W.

The now-nationwide BOW program began more than 20 years ago in Wisconsin, according to the Maine BOW website. It was created as the result of a study by Professor Christine Thomas. She determined that women prefer to learn outdoor skills in a non-competitive atmosphere along with other like-minded women.

According to the IF&W website, BOW means " becoming more competent, more confident and more aware. Through this program we hope to not only provide the opportunity to learn about the outdoors but to also provide a venue for women to learn more about themselves. Participation in these workshops has provided countless women with life -changing experiences.""

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Enough with the snowstorms already! I was counting on a mild winter with minimal snowfall. I was counting on an early spring for gosh sakes. I should know better than to count on Mother Nature to be kind. She can be quite testy when she has a mind to be.

And what's this business with naming snowstorms all of a sudden? Who's bright idea was that? I think some weather forecaster must have thought it would be a lot more exciting if snowstorms were named. After all, hurricanes are named and they certainly generate a lot of excitement and fear.

I guess it hypes things up a lot more to say Nemo will be a big one dumping 12" to 18" of snow rather than to just say there will be 12" to 18" of snow. And, how about that "Q"? Were you ready for that one?

I'm afraid there will be several more snowstorms with several more Greek names before we actually see the green grass of spring. Why Greek names are chosen baffles me a bit because with Greece being in the Mediterranean, I don't think it gets very much snow.

No matter what the snowstorms are named I hate them. I'm a lousy winter driver so as the flakes hit the road I stay home and when I stay home I get cabin fever. And when I get cabin fever I get a bit testy myself.

I try to keep myself busy and find something interesting to do, but there is only so much I can find to occupy my feeble mind. I even resorted to counting the raisins in a loaf of raisin bread. That was pretty exciting.

Cabin Fever

With cable television and over 200 channels one would think I might find something worth watching. However, my husband controls the remote control and he chronically surfs through all 200-plus channels over and over and over. It drives me crazy and I have a strong desire to snatch the remote and beat him with it.

That has to be the cabin fever causing such aggressive thoughts because I am not an aggressive person. I do not normally spend my time thinking of the various places upon my husband's person where I could stick the remote, but lately I've had some very creative ideas about that.

I should be turning my "stuck in the house" time into something productive rather than creative ways to torture Henry. I should take this time to get a jump on my spring cleaning before spring even arrives, though I do think I have a long time before that happens.

I've gone a few too many springs without doing that annual chore, but motivating myself to do it now won't be easy. I'm not domestically inclined and I don't find that kind of intense cleaning very entertaining. I've already named the dust bunnies who have taken up residency throughout my house. If weather people can name snowstorms there's no reason why I can't name my gosh darn dust bunnies.

Now if only I can teach the dust bunnies to jump into the dustpan that would be quite something. So far I have only been able to teach them to play dead.

I guess the snows of winter will end eventually and I'll recover from cabin fever. We're into March and April isn't all that far way and then we'll go from snowstorm to April showers. The way I see it my spring-cleaning can wait until spring and I'll be looking forward to see what the weather people will name the rain. I'm willing to bet that's what they'll do.

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Selectmen also met with Glenn Holmes, director of the Western Maine Economic Development Council, who asked them to sign a resolution to join a regional coalition for the purpose of "identifying, exploring, and implementing opportunities for regional collaboration in restoration of passenger rail for economic development."

Regional business leaders have been working for several years to gather support for restoring rail service.

Holmes said it would be a long-term effort, but it could in the end bring economic benefit to the area.

"As long as they're not asking for money," said Young, he would agree to it.

The board voted unanimously to support the resolution. Maxfield will represent Woodstock on the Androscoggin, Oxford and Coos Counties Corridor Coalition.

In other business Tuesday selectmen:

Approved a Request for Proposal format from the Woodstock Conservation Commission for a "source protection plan" for the Roadside Spring;

Learned the Roadside Spring will reopen March 8 or 9, after being closed for cleaning recently when it barely failed an E. coli test, according to Maxfield;

Learned area recreational summer sports teams will drop in number from 14 to 9 this season due to declining populations of children.

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 26

At 5:41 p.m. a caller reported motorcycles operating on the airstrip at the airport. Deputy Mike Halacy responded and found the subjects had the town manager's permission to operate with their prototype motorcycle.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

At 5:53 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to Route 2 for a report of a logging truck with a flat tire throwing sparks everywhere.

At 10:32 a.m. A caller reported being scammed by a caller who said her granddaughter was in jail and needed money. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

Thursday, Feb. 28

At 10:16 a.m. A report was received of a subject possibly involved in a criminal activity. Deputy Dani Welch was assigned and the case is under investigation.

Friday, March 1

At 8:09 a.m. Deputy Peter Casey investigated a reported theft of fuel on Mayville Road.

At 1:50 p.m. on Route 26 Deputy Peter Casey charged Ronald A. Figaratto, 32, of Bethel with attaching false plates.

At 9:37 p.m. Three juveniles who were snowboarding on school property on Crescent Land were asked to leave by Deputy Chris Davis.

Saturday, March 2

At 11:16 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to Emery Road for a male subject in his late teens having a reaction to a "pot brownie" given to him by his co-workers. Bethel Rescue took him to the hospital. The incident is under investigation.

Sunday, March 3

At 6:34 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to Route 232 for a report of an intoxicated subject with a beer can in hand. The subject had an energy drink.

At 6:50 a.m. On Route 2 Sgt. Tim Holland stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver was late for registration at an event in Newry.

At 8:56 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Route 26 for a report of erratic operation. It was later found the vehicle had turned onto Howe Hill Road in Greenwood.

Oxford County Jail Log:

(Bethel region)

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By NANCY BROWN

Some local artists currently have their work displayed in Lewiston at the Atrium Art Gallery at the University of Maine's Lewiston-Auburn campus. The exhibition "Area Artists 2013" includes the works of 78 artists from Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties. There are more than a dozen artists representing this area, including Melody Dalessandro Bonnema, Gail Rein, Arla Patch, Gerda Andersen, and David Dupree. The exhibition includes paintings, photographs, drawings, and works done in mixed media, metal, clay, and wood. It's an exciting exhibit that not only focuses on these brilliant artists, but also helps local students. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the USM's Lewiston-Auburn campus, the Atrium Art Gallery is offering works in the exhibit for sale. Monies raised will go to the artists and the Lewiston-Auburn College Scholarship Fund. The exhibit runs through March 21. The gallery is located on the campus at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston, just off Lisbon Street. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday. For hours or more information, call (207) 753-6554.

March 14 is Pi Day. Pi is the symbol used to represent the mathematical constant denoting the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Although pi is most often written as 3.14, it is an infinite number. It has been written out to more than one trillion digits with no repeating pattern. Math enthusiasts, students, and others celebrate the day worldwide with activities like games, puzzles, reciting pi to as many digits as possible, and wearing pi-themed clothing. The official food of the day is pie, any kind, including pizza. For ideas on how to celebrate Pi Day, visit the official website at www.piday.org.

March 14 is also the birth date of Albert Einstein, a German theoretical physicist, who was born in 1879. Some schools, like Princeton University, combine celebrations of Pi Day and Einstein's birthday.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

There isn't much news I was able to again come up with for East Bethel this week. I just can't seem to get the timing right lately. So, don't be shy and get in touch with me by calling 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. Please, let me know the best time to get in touch. I would appreciate it.

Dory Hallman was visiting Arlene Harrington last Saturday and they had a nice time together. Oh, and Arlene has a job now. Unbeknownst to Neil, she has taken up trapping moles for him, haha!

Don't forget the Benefit Dinner/Supper for Wayne Hakala from 12-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at the Legion Hall in Greenwood. Also, remember to change your clocks this weekend as daylight savings time starts on Sunday, March 10.

Alder River Grange will meet March 8 at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street. There will be a 6 p.m. pot luck supper and the meeting is at 7 p.m.

Think Spring!

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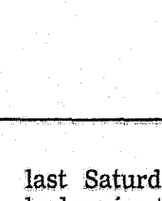
By LIN CHAPMAN



The usual birds are busy at the feeder, along with the squirrels. Hugh noticed a couple of Starlings during the storm the other day. Mr. Cardinal still appears early in the morning and late afternoon. The flock of turkeys seems to get bigger each time they visit. They fly over the house from the woods behind the picnic area and land in the trees behind our house. They like to go down to visit Mary Tyler, also.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house Saturday morning. We were talking about having enough snow for awhile after the storm last Thursday. I men-

West Paris defeats property ordinance

By Kayla Collins, Sun Media Wire

Fifty-nine voters attended the annual West Paris town meeting Saturday, passing a $1 million budget but defeating an ordinance that would regulate the maintenance of properties.

The hour-and-a-half meeting took place in the Agnes Gray School gymnasium on Main Street. It was moderated by Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

Voters said enforcing a property maintenance ordinance would be too stringent and agreed to stick to the state's dangerous building statute regulating "unhealthy" and "unsafe" properties. Selectmen agreed, saying the town didn't necessarily need the ordinance.

"I don't think we are ready for it," said Selectman Dennis Henderson.

"We get complaints already," said one resident, about a majority of West Paris' properties. "We don't need an ordinance to get complaints."

Selectman Wade Rainey said the ordinance was requested by a resident nearly a year ago to prevent "unsafe, unsanitary and/or nuisance conditions" of properties. He worried that without an ordinance, residents would start to deface their properties more than they already have.

In other action, voters approved $70,142 for Fire Department operations; $12,000 for streetlights; $101,089 for the disposal of solid waste, the town's zero-sort recycling program and transfer station operations; and $309, 684 for Highway Department operations for 2013-14.

The breakdown of the highway budget includes $54,800 for garage operations and maintenance of equipment, $114,994 for winter operations and $139,890 for summer operations.

Residents also voted to raise and appropriate $70,000 to the town's Highway Improvement Capital Reserve account for paving between one and one-and-a-half miles of town roads.

Voters also raised and appropriated $31,365 for the West Paris Library; $6,672 for animal control; $2,800 for mowing and new flags at town cemeteries and $5,000 for Old Home Days.

In response to a citizen's question about whether more money is being appropriated for animal control this year due to increased calls, White said the town has one animal control officer who receives a stipend and occasionally calls in mutual aid from other towns.

He said an increase in mileage as well as switching to a new, more expensive shelter drove up costs in the ACO budget.

Voters elected Randy Jones as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor for a three-year-term, Greg Inman as Water District director for a three-year term, Nick DiConzo as SAD 17 school director for a two-year term and Toby Whitman as SAD 17 school director for a three-year term.

Woodstock Residents

The **Annual Woodstock Town Meeting** will be held on Monday March 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Woodstock Elementary School.

The Annual Town Reports will be available at the Town Office on Monday, March 18. The reports will be hand delivered in town beginning on Tuesday the 19th.

Just a reminder that **Dog Licenses are now overdue.** There will be an additional fee of $15.00 per dog after January 31, 2013, and for dogs still not registered on or before April 1, 2013 there will be a charge of $25.00.

Notice to Veterans

Veterans or Widows of Veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement; where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the Assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

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Assessor's Notice

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91-A. Section 34 R.S. 1954 Amend, all resident and non-resident property owners are hereby notified to bring into the Assessors, on or before April 1st, 2012, a true copy and perfect list of their estates, real or personal, of which they are possessed on the April 1st 2012, and be prepared to take oath on same. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is barred his rights to make application to the assessors or the Assessment Board of Review for any abatement of his tax unless he satisfies the Assessors that he/she was unable to offer it at the appointed time.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on March 11, 2013 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License and Entertainment Permit renewal from the Bethel Commodore Corp. located at 21 Broad St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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tioned that Brad showed up to plow around 2 a.m. Thursday morning. He was really quiet, but I just happened to be awake and saw him.

Speaking of Brad, I would like to wish him a Happy Birthday, since his birthday is next week on March 11.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent the day last Saturday with Grammy and Grampa. She and Grampa built a snow sculpture of an Indian in a canoe.

Octavia Jane Hooper celebrated her 6th birthday last Friday. Octavia and four of her classmates started the party by going swimming. After a swim, they returned home for pizza, birthday cake and ice cream followed by a sleepover. A very busy overnight for all! Octavia is the daughter of Bethany Corriveau and the granddaughter of Fernand and Beverley Corriveau.

Town Office

The date for the Gilead Annual Town Meeting is Saturday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

Gilead Historical Society

Shortly after Mary Tyler showed up at our house last Saturday, her brother, Merle Cole from Berlin, N.H., arrived. Merle was dropping off a big bag of coal for the display in the Train Station. We can put some in the coal hod that sets beside the stove. We had a very nice visit and did a little reminiscing about Gilead when Merle was growing up.

Ben Conant called Saturday afternoon and had a couple of questions regarding the GHS. He also mentioned that he is a faithful reader of the Gilead column. Everyone likes to keep up with my brother, Steve McLain.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet today, March 7, at Ledgeview Memorial Home in West Paris for the meeting at 11:30. Dinner by Ledgeview and program on Stretching Exercise by Leslie Baumgartel. Woodstock Historical Society will meet Saturday, March 9, at the Town Conference Room at 6 p.m. Light refreshments follow. Program is Larry Bonney speaking on some of Woodstock's early settlements.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, March 11, at the home of Alice Hoyt for a regular meeting.

The March program at the Whitman Memorial Library will be held on Thursday, March 14, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Carol Welsh. She is an author and jewelry designer with degrees in Physiology and Human Relations. She is a birth mother and also an adoptive mother. She has written a book "360 Square," her mission is to shine light on human strength and resilience, raise awareness of the complexity of adoption and inspire artistic design and the written word.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Prayer Meeting.

Guests of Ken and Alice Hoyt and Steve and Beth Hoover have been Marybeth Hoover and her cat Rufus from Yarmouth.

BALD IS BEAUTIFUL-Almost three dozen people turned out last week to have their heads shaved at the Root Cellar in Bethel in support of Hailey Steward, 5, who is battling leukemia and recently lost her hair. Pictured are, from left: Jarrod Steward (Hailey's brother), Ed Millet (holding Hailey), Nick Chapman, and Tasha Chapman. People also donated $1,304 for the Hailey's Hugs Treasure Chests (to buy toys for children in hospital emergency rooms) and $187 in "Team Hailey Hugs" bracelet sales, which goes to the Maine Children Cancer Program. *(Photo: Tatum Brown)*

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

Greenwood property taxes are due April 1, and interest does not begin to accumulate until May 1. Maybe it will stop snowing by then.

There will be a benefit dinner for Wayne Hakala March 9 (Saturday) from noon-6 p.m. at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road. Wayne is dealing with cancer. $10 per person and children 12 and under eat for free.

Wayne has been very active in Greenwood over the years in town government, in the Legion, and wrote the Greenwood City column for the newspaper for years. Drop by on Saturday and support Wayne. You can send good wishes to him at: Wayne Hakala, 44 Hayes Hill Road, Greenwood ME 04255. Good thoughts going your way, Wayne.

Keep your calendars marked for the St. Patrick's Day dance on March 16 at the Legion Hall. More to come next week.

The report from the Dunham Farm is that the sap is continuing to run, some days heavy and some days just drips. They hope to begin boiling down the sap to syrup this week while continuing to collect it.

Suzanne Dunham says they have more sap than last year, and the conditions seem to be better than last year when it turned warm quite quickly. That forces the tree flowers to bud. Once that happens, tapping stops because the resulting sap/syrup does not taste good.

Students from the GOT Farm after-school program at Telstar Middle School recently visited the Dunham Farm for a field trip. They made maple-filled chocolate, lip balm, and helped the Dunhams prepare for their open house on Maine Maple Sunday (March 24). Another event to mark on your calendar.

The moose permit lottery is now open. Applications are available online on the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries &Wildlife website (www.maine.gov/ifw/licenses_permits/lotteries/moose). Applications will be accepted until May 14 and the drawing for permits will be in June.

The weight of the snow on the ponds is causing the water to begin being pushed upwards now. I noticed several wet and mushy spots while walking along snowmobile paths on Round Pond. I sank nearly a foot into the mush and hustled back to land. Another sign the season is turning. This also means it is time to start thinking about getting any ice fishing shacks hauled in to land. Ice fishing season ends March 31.

Another sign of seasonal change are notices for the different activities. Instead of ski races

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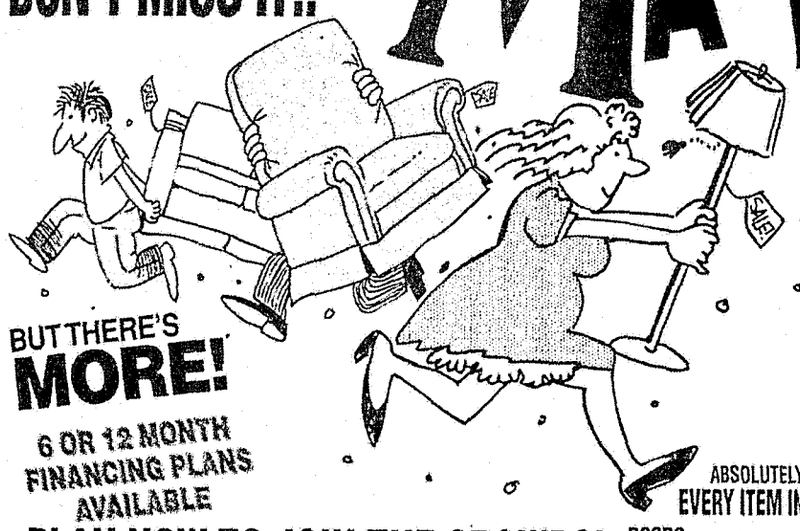

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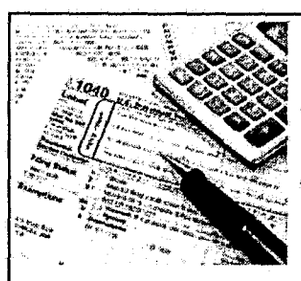

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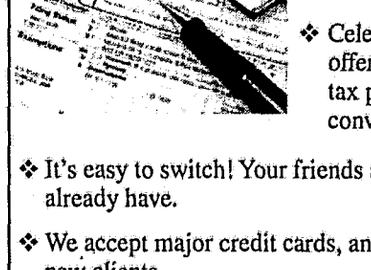

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being posted to Facebook and in e-mails, I am now seeing notices for road races and bicycle treks. The Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo is coming up March 23 as we move toward open water fishing (April 1).

If the season is changing, how come there is so much snow on the ground? Most everyone around here asks that same question at this time every year. While we are ready for seasonal change, winter is loathe to give up its grip and its snowstorms. But we are getting closer. Unfortunately, we are closest to mud season. No wonder we are so excited about the prospect of spring. We have to go through so much to get to it.

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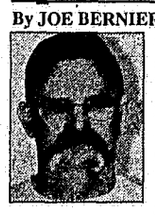
Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid Association breakfasts continue to be good food and to be a fun social time.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will have its annual ride-in, cookout at Ray and Marie Chabot's "Sugar Shack" Saturday, March 9.

The Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, March 10, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

On our return trip from Auburn on Monday Bobby, Penny and I stopped in at the Red Rooster for lunch. Thank you one "L" M'ichele for the great food and service.

Penny's "official" record keeping shows 114 inches of snow so far this year. More than a fourth, (30 inches) occurred in the week and a half between Feb. 22 and March 4. Harvey is quite adamant that I should stop my snow dance. I didn't dare to tell Harvey that March is quite often our big snow month!

This past weekend Upton House hosted the wedding party for Breanne Gagnon, daughter of Rebecca and Norman Gagnon of Rumford, and Matthew Duguay, son of Penny and Steven Duguay of Byron. The couple was married on the ice of Umbagog in a cove across from Camp Mildred. The ceremony was attended by about forty family members and friends who came from as far away as Florida and California, their two dogs, Tobbie and Jack, a few deer. The ceremony was honored by a fly-over from our national bird. Samantha Aylward officiated at the ceremony. Artic Cat, Ski-doo, Polaris, and Yamaha provided the limo-shuttling. The Duguays will reside in the former Gagnon family home which had been purchased by the groom in 2008 prior to ever having met the bride. (It was fate.) Call 533-2010 or email backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Andover

By JANE RICH

Due to the "iffy" weather of last Friday evening, the dinner and movie at the First Congregational Church was postponed until April 12. The meal, plus desserts will be provided. The movie will be "The Letter Writer" and festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Donations will be accepted to defray expenses.

On March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Food Pantry will be sponsoring a Food Sale to help with expenses of this local project to feed people in need in the area. The Andover Food Pantry works with the Good Shepherd Food bank to provide food supplies to residents of Andover, Upton, Roxbury and Byron. The pantry staff hopes the community will turn out to bake for and purchase available goods because all that they raise will be matched by a grant. In addition to homemade bread, cakes and bars, there will be takeout foods available including baked beans, coleslaw, and sweet and sour meatballs.

On Saturday, April 6, the pantry will be having a "chicken day." They have been given a large amount of frozen chicken which needs to be thawed, cooked and ready for distribution. In addition they have a quantity of blueberries, they are planning to bake into goodies.

The People In Action Committee is sponsoring a monthly free community lunch at the CEB at Noon. This month's luncheon will be on March 19, which is also town Election Day. The menu is quiche, salad, rolls and brownies and ice cream for dessert. The April lunch will be on April 16. The menu will be available at a later date.

If you have news of forthcoming events and would like them to be mentioned in the column, please send them to me at jcrich@megalink.net or call 392-3761. It always amazes me that I seem to find out after something has happened rather than before. I'm only too glad to mention birthday parties and other celebrations if you let me know about them. In that vein, happy belated birthday to Malcolm Gross whose family gave him a huge surprise (and that's hard to do around here!) birthday party at the Town Hall on Feb. 24.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

I quit logging this winter for two reasons. The first is that the snow got deep enough to make it hard work getting to the base of the trees! The second is that I've got all the hardwood limbs, hollow logs and knotty tops that I want to work up into firewood next summer. And now, I have an excuse to quit splitting firewood logs that I dug out of the snow.

One day last week I let my left thumb get between a board and my belt sander. Ouch! The split skin on the palm side of that thumb keeps re-opening whenever I swing a splitting maul.

I've been doing some woodworking in my basement shop on those days it's too messy, cold or windy to spend much time outside. The folding Adirondack chair I've been working off and on for a year and a half is getting close to being done. I can't wait to see how it folds down. The worst part (for me) is putting polyurethane finish on the chair. That's time consuming and hard to get an even finish.

I've also got plans for what I call a "hammock chair." I saw some of them for sale in Mexico last year at a flea market and fell in love with them. Since I had no easy way of bringing one home, I asked the fellow selling them if I could photo one of the chairs in detail and take some measurements. He agreed and also sold me a couple of the mesh hammock slings that I can use to complete a chair if I get it done. I plan to start as soon as I finish the Adirondack chair.

I tapped my sugar maple trees last week, hoping for some good sap weather. So far, it has been marginal, cold enough at night but not warm enough for a strong sap run during the day. Mona and I made 5.5 quarts of syrup that we finished off this past Sunday. I'm hoping for some good sap weather next weekend when it is supposed to warm into the 40's.

This deeper snow has finally slowed Shiloh down some on our daily walks or cross country ski runs. He still lopes off into the woods on first one side and then the other, but he sticks a little closer to the trail than when on bare ground. I love how he runs full tilt with his nose to the ground (snow) and abruptly reverses direction for reasons which only he knows. This happens even when there are no footprints in evidence! He also has a habit of thrusting his nose down every hole in the snow he comes to; his head bobs up with his nose covered in snow, and he apparently doesn't inhale the loose snow, which I'll never understand. He even does this with some of his own footprints! He still gets excited whenever I get my skies out, jumping up and dashing around, biting at my ski tips, impatient to get started! He's such a joy to have around.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

Cloudy days and snowy days are about all we have been having lately. At least it is a little warmer and outdoor enthusiasts are enjoying being outside. With a larger snow pack this year more snowmobiles are riding the trails. Even though there are few signs of spring some folks have begun tapping trees.

We have heard of several moose sightings throughout the area recently. It is good to keep a careful eye for moose especially at night. They have pretty low visibility at nighttime.

Rumford Grange 115 met Saturday, March 2, for their monthly meeting. There were ten in attendance and topics of discussion included schedules for summer activities including Sunday dinners, craft fairs, fair displays, free seed day and community service activities. The meeting followed a potluck dinner with very tasty foods.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library remains open on Wednesday and Saturday morning. The Library Bees meet on Tuesday afternoons to work on crafts and other projects.

Daylight Saving Time begins 2 a.m. Sunday, March 10. Remember to "spring ahead."

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT

Greetings! The smells, sights and sounds of spring are in the air.

Thoughts of gardening are on many peoples minds. Vacation is over and we are all back to school.

The teachers and students celebrated Read Across America day on Friday.

I spent Thursday (snow day) with Doug and Jen. I came home on Friday and found that I had no power. Went back to East Bethel and came home Saturday morning and brought Bella with me. We had a grand time. Went out to dinner on Saturday night and shopping on Sunday.

Have a good week everyone.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

Friday, March 1, a gray morning here no sun or blue skies, 36.5 degrees, but at least it's not snowing.

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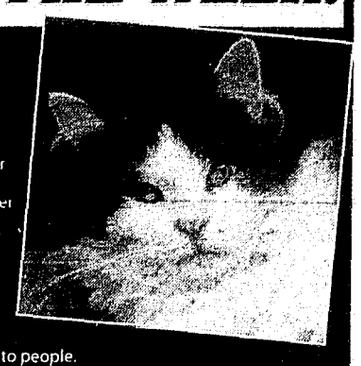

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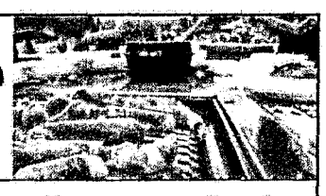

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Smith, Edward A. Sawyer, Charles Holden, Dale Robinson and Barbara E. Witham. Thoughts and prayers to each family member.

Dell Parker and Ruthanne joined us for lunch yesterday (Thursday), then we practiced for an hour. It was a good practice and I am pleased. Thanks Dell!!

The band entertained the seniors at Canton Villa Monday afternoon.

We drove to Waterford to visit with my niece, Myra Emery, this week. It's always great spending time with her and Randy, and sitting around the table enjoying a hot cup of tea and catching up on all the daily events and other family happenings.

Stopped to visit briefly with our friend Betty Davis this week and to leave her some oranges.

Bluejays galore this morning at the feeders, a pair of Cardinals plus a red squirrel and 2 crows that keep landing on the lawn and scaring the chickadees and finches. I dried some bread and spread it with peanut butter and sprinkled some seeds on top and placed in the feeders, the little birds really like that.

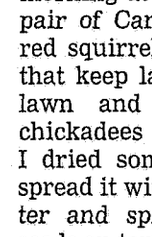
Cliff Gray – we are thinking of you.

Off to town to get a few errands done and pick up a few groceries. Y' all have a great day.

That's all from the valley this week. Enjoy your weekend.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



March is here and the weather is changing daily. Snow gives way to gray gives way to flurries to snow and then more gray and wind. We may get sun by the end of the week or not. I am ready for sun. I think people's moods will improve then, too. For now, I guess we should be glad it is not really cold. For me, I am inside most of the time, still, so it doesn't really matter. I hope to be out and about by Saturday. This inside stuff is too boring.

Thursday, March 7, ACOA will meet at 10 a.m. at the Waterford Library. It is a discussion group so feel free to come. FMI please call 739-9115.

Saturday, March 9, Dave is headed to the Middle School to the Father-Daughter Dance for granddaughter Shanna. They are looking forward to it.

Last Sunday, March 3, was Sadie's 16th birthday. Happy Birthday Sadie.

Sunday, March 10, Mountain Poets will meet from 4-6 p.m. at Fare Share Commons. All poets and poetry lovers are encouraged to come. We will be planning Too Cold For the Porch for this April. FMI please call 739-9115 or 743-9808.

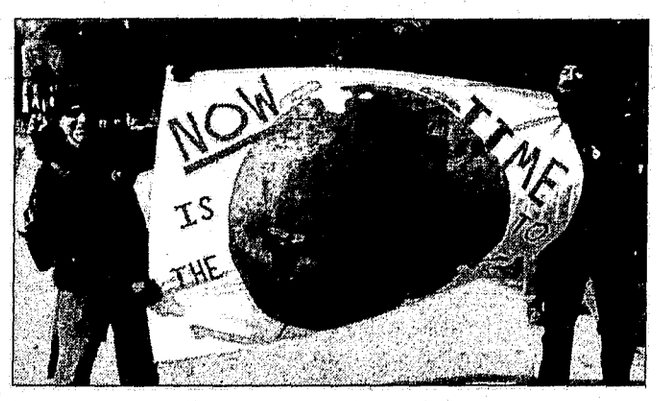
Monday, the 11th, Knit and Chat will meet at the Waterford Library from 2-4 p.m.

Also on Monday, AARP will meet in South Paris at the First Congo Church on Main Street. FMI please call Ruth at 744-9069. There will be a luncheon served.

Next Thursday, March 14, Carol Lilliequest Welsh will speak at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond on her book on adoption, "360 Square." That begins at 2 p.m.

Reserve March 29 for Chocolate Tasting at the Norway Library. Watch for more next week.

Time to go back and lie down, again. Hoping to be back to normal by Thursday or before. Have a great week.



FOR CLEAN ENERGY-Ken Hotopp of Newry and Martin Shuer of Windham were among more than 300 Mainers who recently attended the "Forward on Climate" rally for clean energy and against Alberta tar sands in Washington, D.C. They hold a banner made by Ken's daughter Alice in 2007. The march drew 50,000 people, led by climate activists, college students, civil rights and religious leaders, politicians, celebrities, and First Nations and Native American leaders.

Backyard reflections

By SARA WRIGHT

"Little Red" heralds the coming of Spring

Called "Red Birds" in Native American Mythology, the blood red cardinals are considered by the Cherokee and other southeastern tribes to be birds of good omen.

The Ojibwa of northern Minnesota believe that these birds are guardians of the seasons. They also stand watch at the gate that separates the worlds, often appearing after death in bright red vestments to offer comfort to humans that have sustained a loss.

One Cherokee myth describes the first Red Bird as the Daughter of the Sun. According to the Zuni cardinals can forecast the weather. The Pima (southwest) associate these birds with lightning and believe they can predict rain. One pattern common to all these stories is that red birds are associated with change.

Here is a story of mine that demonstrates the Native American notion that "Red Birds" act as guardians helping to shift the seasons.

Cardinals are often active between the predawn hours and around dusk. If you listen carefully you can hear them identifying each other with sharp staccato –like clicks when it is so dark out that you can't see them.

Hawks and owls hunt also during these hours so perhaps the female that disappeared from my feeding station two years ago in early October became prey to one of these predators.

All I know is that one evening she was here and the next morning she was gone. The stunning vermillion male cardinal stayed on. Now a single but devoted parent, he continued to feed his dusky adolescent (whose other sibling had also vanished soon after fledging). Because the mortality rate for nestlings is very high; many cardinals do not survive their first year, although if they do they can live up to fifteen years. It wasn't until late in November that I was able to determine the sex of the youngster because all young cardinals resemble their mothers in plumage.

Gradually the mottled gray feathers molted, and the youngster emerged in his scarlet coat capped by a crimson crest. In the absence of insects, father and son feasted on wild grapes and the seeds from wild grasses in addition to the sunflower seeds I fed them. They stayed all winter.

Early in the pre-spring month of March, I began to hear what seemed to me to be the poignant sound of the two male cardinals pouring their hearts out through song as they moved from tree to tree, but sadly no female appeared.

One day the two males disappeared for good. Even though I knew that their absence meant that the males had heard the females singing from somewhere else, I was bereft. Cardinals mate for life and do not migrate so I hoped that they might still be somewhere in the area.

In their absence I imagined the two cardinals courting with the male feeding the female seeds beak to beak before setting up housekeeping. While the male gathered nest material the female crushed twigs with her beak; then she turned in the nest to bend the twigs around her body while pushing them into a cup shape with her feet.

Four layers thick, the nest would be lined with twigs, leaves, grapevine bark, grasses and pine needles. About four inches across the bower would be well hidden in a dense thicket of young trees.

All this work would take about a week and then the mottled blue or greenish eggs would be laid, three or four in a clutch. Some male cardinals incubate the nest for brief periods but the female bears most of the responsibility.

Incubation takes about 12 days and then the young fledge in about 12 days. The nestlings' diet is mostly made up of crunchy insects that the dedicated parents bring to them. The male becomes the primary caregiver for the young as soon as they leave the nest while the female sits on the next clutch of eggs. In the northern climates cardinals usually brood two clutches a year.

After the cardinals left I not only imagined what they were doing, but I never gave up hope that they would return. A noted biologist believes that birds have a memory of place that works through a kind of resonance orienting a bird to its place of origin, and this area, I knew, had been home for cardinals for a very long time.

Almost two years went by. Last November I was sure I heard a cardinal calling down by the brook though the pattern of its call was slightly different from the one I remembered.

The ability to develop original songs and then share them evolves between mated cardinal couples, so cardinal songs vary from region to region while retaining the clear whistle that is the familiar identification call that belongs to the species as a whole. (If you listen carefully you can hear a series of distinct calls between mated couples that are patterned in unique ways).

When a demure olive gray bird with a bright orange beak appeared in my apple tree that afternoon I was overjoyed. If the female had returned her mate would surely follow.

Within a few days the cardinal couple took up residence in this overgrown field and above me on the hill where a neighbor of mine was as happy to have them back as I was. As fall turned to winter my friends stayed on.

When the first snow fell it seemed to me that whenever I saw a flash of vermillion or the spiked rose tipped crest of the female that the cardinals brought a message of hope, bleeding nature's life force into my own.

Soon velvet gray pussy willows will grace the horizon, and bare ground and warm mud will seep through the snow. Even roaring winds cannot still the clear whistling voices of the cardinals, whose spring mating songs have already begun.

Listening to the notes, I wonder what new songs they might learn this year; I wonder where they will nest, how many nestlings will survive and whether I shall be fortunate enough to witness these two raising a new family.

I am also reminded that in Native American mythology "Red Birds" help the earth turn the wheel of the seasons just as the people do through ritual; so although a white shroud still blankets the ground, the cardinals' flute-like song reminds me that spring is on its way.

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CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fifth-grade Wax Museum. At left: Caroline Newell as Ben Franklin, Mrs. Conrad's class. At right: Russell Haines from Mrs. Keane's class.

Spirit Week at CPS- Twins Day Ms. Charette and her daughter Addie.

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AES Grades 2/3 have store

In the past month, Grades2/3 AES teacher Paul Condello has opened a school store. It was created as an incentive-based program to boost work ethic. Students earn points to buy products from the store by completing worksheets. Worksheets refer to all paper based work a student completes for a given subject. Every worksheet equals two points. Most items in the store require 250 worksheet points. Toys have included a super action yoyo, Incredible Hulk figurine, a Crystal Fairy, toy cars, and a bubble kit. The store has probably doubled the work ethic of some of the students. The store has had a notable impact on inspiring the students to work, and it teaches them a lesson; hard work reaps reward.

Robert Erik Bishop -a proud Cub Scout in Mrs. Lee's class.

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WES 4th and 5th graders who represented their classroom in the school Geography Bee. From left to right are: Payton Hastings, Luci Rothwell, Wyatt Williamson, Reagan Gilson, Emalee Coffin, Matt Rice, Cain Shatzer, Ryleigh Hastings, Kevin Lund-Briggs, and Morgan Cropley.

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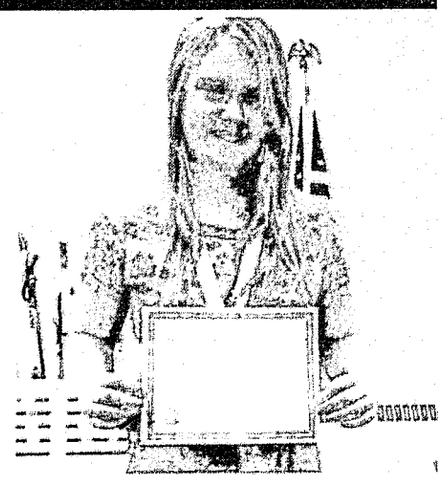

Individual photo: Schoolwide Geography Bee winner, 5th grader Morgan Cropley.

TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Telstar Middle School December Super Heroes were, from left: Grade 8: Joey Mason, Grade 7: Rebecca Morin, Grade 6: Emalee Harrington, for being shining examples to our student body.

TMS students reading their way to a Sea Dogs game

Telstar Middle School students are hitting the books with a goal in sight.

In conjunction with the Maine Public Universities, the Portland Sea Dogs have issued a challenge to all Maine middle schoolers: read 5 books between November and April and earn a free ticket to watch the Sea Dogs play. The school with the highest percentage of students participating also wins $1000 toward school activities and books.

Our kids are working hard to get their tickets. All those who complete the challenge must turn in their paper work by March 26.

The school will be taking buses down to the game on April 24 to enjoy the night together.

Parents are invited to purchase extra tickets and join in on the fun. More details will go home with students. Contact Lindsay Luetje (824-2136x111) with any questions.

Grade Three students at Crescent Park School participated in a dental health rotation. Pictured are Molly Pereira, Tanner Martin, Hannah Pierce, dental hygienist, Joann Moulton.

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'What do you do for fun?'

B.B. bought Duchess for me. She was a gray mare, a bit heavy from some quarter-horse blood, but a second look at her showed quality everywhere; beautiful clean lines, no hair on legs, an Arab head and tail carriage. She had a gimpy right fore knee which was probably the explanation of why such an agile, highly-trained horse came east.

Watching B.B. figure-eight her around the lawn made me a bit leery of her as a mount for a beginner. I had company. Dotti wanted to be ready to ride when Sandy was old enough. Pat. H. had only had ring experience, and was terrified of horses, but determined to be a rider. I was bold enough about the brushing and saddling and leading Duch down to the little training ring that B.B. had built for Sandy. Once inside would be another matter, but Duch submitted with a complete personality change. Down went her head and she droned around quite like a real duchess sold into slavery and put at menial labor.

B.B. was a hard taskmaster. He had seen too many girls who could post perfectly around a ring but who were totally ignorant of handling a horse outside. The day came finally when he said we were ready to take a little trip. We could go around the Dow lot by ourselves. Pat came up. B.B. was not at home. Should we try it? Pat was still timid around horses. I was timid, as I had seen Duch perform with B.B. aboard and was very conscious of my lack of skill.

But we went, I first somewhat in the spirit of the host taking the first drink from a bottle of wine to prove there was no poison. Then Pat was off. I watched the clock and the road. She was the young mother of three; anything could happen.

It seemed an eon before I saw her come trotting smoothly out of the woods. She dismounted. We both jumped and whooped with joy. We had done it! We brushed Duch ready for the pasture and Pat insisted that she would lead her out. She carefully turned the mare to face her, before taking off the halter and Duch loped off to roll. Pat burst out, "I love this horse, I LOVE this horse, and I'll never be afraid of a horse again in my life." She wasn't; had only the necessary healthy respect for their power and limited intelligence.

Next day, B.B., on Brigadoon, took me and then Pat around the loop through the north woods. We were lame and weary, but felt as though we had climbed Mt. Everest. Now, when we think nothing of going fifteen or twenty miles, we often smile at our maiden voyage. Next year Beth advanced to a more spirited horse and Pat bought Princess. From then on we had golden days and rode many a mile on many a mount, some of the best hours of our lives.

Duch was the most sure-footed beast that we ever had on the place, never refusing any obstacle of brook or brush. Give her her head, time to survey the terrain and she would find the best way through, favoring her gimpy knee. She was bridle wise, knew all the turns; if you did not watch her carefully and signal the direction quickly, you could find yourself going in the wrong direction. I had a few spills before I learned. I was dozing along one day at a slow trot when I found myself on the ground with Duch staring at me in amazement. There was a rabies scare; an orange streamer, a sign for bait put out for foxes, hung from a tree. She had smelled the odor, thought it was danger, and done her speed act of jumping into air, turning around, and coming down in the opposite direction. After this I paid more attention, gripped her tightly with my legs, spoke reassuring words to remind her that I was in charge.

The second time that she caracoled I stayed on, found myself galloping uphill instead of walking down, turned and came back and was told by the second rider that a deer had jumped into the trail directly in front of her. The third jump she made, I met my Waterloo.

BHS Women's History Month program

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, the Bethel Historical Society will celebrate Women's History Month with a screening of the film "Reaching Out for Liberty & Light: The Life of Frances Payne Bolton." The younger sister of William Bingham 2nd, Bethel's greatest philanthropist, Frances Payne (Bingham) Bolton is recognized today as an outstanding and influential politician, humanitarian, philanthropist, and patriot. BHS Executive Director Emeritus Stanley R. Howe, who is completing a biography of William Bingham, will introduce the film and this free program at the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street).

In 1940, the voters of Ohio's 22nd district elected Frances Payne Bolton (1885-1977) their state's first congresswoman. Through her 28-year service in Congress, she helped to shape many of the defining moments of her era, influencing national policy towards the Soviet Union and Africa, helping to transform the nursing profession during World War II, serving as the first woman congressional delegate to the United Nations, and rendering extraordinary service to her constituents in Northeast Ohio.

In contrast to the shining aura of her public role, Frances Bolton's private life was shadowed by tragedy. The wealth and social prominence of her family could not protect her from illness and death. Out of devastating personal experiences came an indomitable spirit and an inner vision. Her kinship with "suffering humanity," combined with the financial resources to instantly transform ideas into actions, enabled her to become one of the unique figures in American history.

"Women's History Month" is an annual declared month worldwide that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with "International Women's Day" on March 8, and during October in Canada, corresponding with the celebration of "Persons Day" on Oct. 18. In the United States, Women's History Month traces its beginnings back to the first International Women's Day in 1911.

Whitman Memorial Library

Carol Lillieqvist Welsh will be the guest speaker at the Whitman Memorial Library on Thursday, March 14, at 2 p.m. Carol, adoptee, birthmother and adoptive mother's mission is to shine light on human strength and resilience, raise awareness of the complexities of adoption, and inspire artistic design and the written word through her jewelry and her book, "360 Square." Carol has degrees in psychology and human relations and is an experienced expert in the field of adoption. She is a member of the Maine Writers and Publisher Alliance, the American Adoption Congress, Concerned United Birthparents, and a supporter of Camp to Belong in Maine. She lives in Norway, Maine. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Beginning Woodlot Management course

A six-week course in Beginning Woodlot Management begins at 7 p.m. March 12 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School.

Sponsored by the Maine Forest Service, the course for woodlot owners will feature such topics as tree identification, wildlife management, deeds and boundaries, timber harvesting, forestry taxes and regulations and working with a consulting forester. There is a $20 dollar charge, which covers all materials.

For more information on the Wednesday evening course, contact Merle Ring of the Maine Forest Service at 441-3276. To sign up, visit the Adult Education office at the high school or call 743-8842, Ext. 1.

TMS program donates to Meals on Wheels

SeniorsPlus has received a $400 donation from the Telstar Middle School Advanced Art students for the Meals on Wheels program serving older adults in the Oxford county area. The donation is the proceeds from the ArtReach Jamboree and Student Art Sale, put on by the students in December.

"This donation will help to provide more meals to older adults needing Meals on Wheels," says Connie Jones, Director of Community Services at SeniorsPlus. Due to funding cuts and rising cost of food, the agency has had to institute a wait list for this crucial service. "This event showcases how community really works and that together, all in a community help each other. The Telstar Middle School art students should be proud that through their art they are helping homebound older adults remain at home."

Sports

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

Upset-minded Archies gave all LBI could handle and The Bethel Bobcats pushed Hotel Rumford to the limit, as both winners had to finish well to get to the championship of The Mountain Valley Rec League. Archies (3-11) had upset Black Bear Industries the week before and had played their best basketball as of late. Bethel (10-4) finished third this year, but with any luck and a complete roster could have possibly finished first. LBI (12-1) finished first and had easily beaten Archies in both of their regular season games. Hotel Rumford (11-2) finished second and had split with Bethel in the regular season.

LBI and Archies started off the day. On paper, it seemed like a one-sided game, however Archies matched LBI's energy and stayed even most of the first half and were only down 3 at half time. It seemed anticipatory that LBI would go on one of their patented runs and put the game out of reach, but it never really happened. They did, however, hit a few threes down the stretch that they were missing earlier and stretched their margin of victory to 15 at the end of the second half for an 87-72 victory. Chris Baxter led the winners with 24 points and 3 threes. Eric Canwell also notched 3 threes and 20 points. Brian Canwell was next in scoring with 14 points (10 from the line) and Joe Gaudreau hit 4 threes for 12 points to round out their top scorers. Archies got solid games from Mike Holmquist with 25 points and Brett Archibauld with 20 points. Jarrod Chessie helped out with 12 more.

Next Hotel Rumford and Bethel squared off in a tough fought, physical game that saw the victors pull away in the end for another 87-72 final. A game that was within 2 points at half time and with 4 half way through the second half, Hotel pulled away in the last 4 minutes, when Bethel seemed to run out of gas, although a missed TJ Savage and Sean Caddigan could have made a difference. Bethel actually took a short-lived lead with 13 minutes left in the second half. However, foul trouble for Bethel's Matt Zetts was a deciding factor. Big Matt was the their top scorer with 23 points and a surprising 6 threes, but he lost valuable minutes while nursing 5 fouls. Hotel's Andy Shorey, Jr., with Andy, Sr., in attendance, had a huge game with 28 points and a control of the paint. Craig Milledge was next with 18 points and was everywhere on both ends of the floor. Kevin Gallant rounded out the top scoring for Hotel with 5 threes/15 points. Ryan Savage helped Zetts with 17 points for Bethel and Wade Osgood had 16 more.

On Sunday, March 10, at 12 p.m., LBI hosts Hotel Rumford for the league championship. Both teams are evenly matched, with LBI being a more run and gun style team and Hotel Rumford having a more deliberate offensive style. Each team have deadly long-range shooters and both teams can get after it on defense.

Church Services

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Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided.Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

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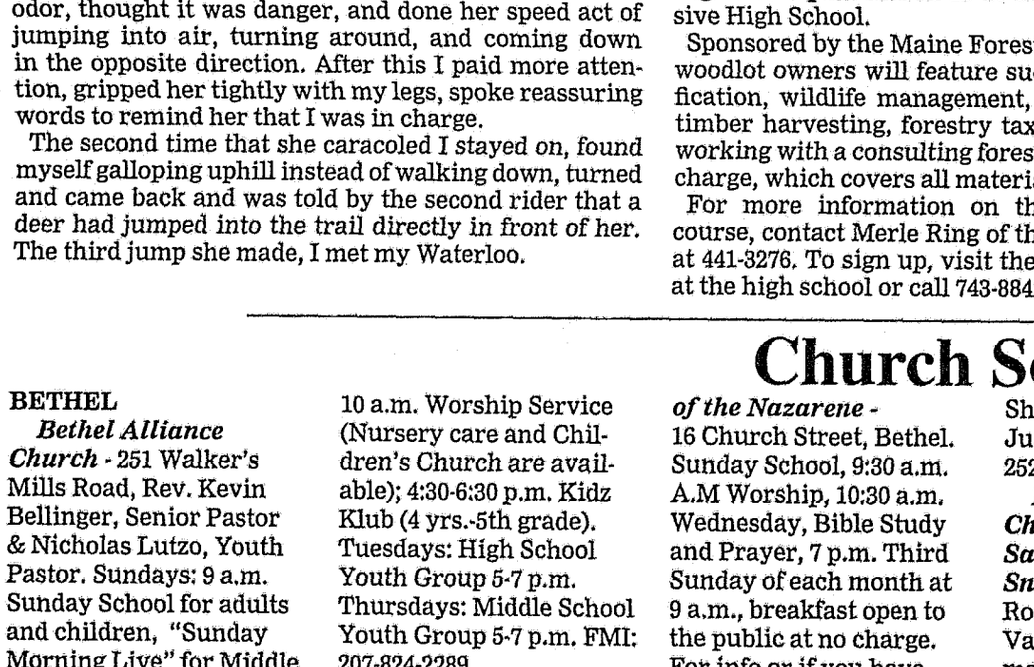

FSB CFO Tim Thompson with Stephen Mitchell, owner of the Maine School of Masonry, in the Avon classroom, and student Matthew Goldman.

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Masonry is a trade traditionally handed down but today only 200 masons are ready to take the place of 2000 retiring masons nationwide, according to Steve Mitchell, owner of the Maine School of Masonry. "The trades are there. We need them. It's a good trade for the right student. They can leave here with a bag of tools," he said, adding that there is gratification in masonry. "When you are finished at the end of the day, brickwork looks good. People don't notice the electricity in a new building but they always notice the fireplace."

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Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 9 and 10
12-noon to 12-noon – **Downhill Derby at Mt. Abram.** The Downhill Derby is an epically fun 24-hour downhill ski challenge to benefit WinterKids programs. Fabulous skiing and boarding. Plenty of activities to keep you entertained around the clock!

Saturday, Mar. 9
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **American Legion Post 72 Yard Sale,** Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter open. 50/50 tickets.
12 to 6 p.m. – **Benefit Dinner for Wayne Hakala,** American Legion Hall, Locke's Mills. Buffet style dinner with spaghetti, casseroles, salads, breads, desserts, and beverages. Adults, $10/Children, free. FMI: 875-2375.
1 p.m. – **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop,** Oxford County Extension Center. Speaker is Maine State Bee Inspector, Tony Jadczak. Topic will be getting bees ready for spring and problems with disease. Open to the public. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com).
7 to 10 p.m. – **The Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club,** Oxford Hills Middle School cafeteria. Don Bachelder of Bernardson, Massachusetts will be calling Mainstream and Plus level dancing, and Carol Arsenault of Dresden, Maine will be cueing the rounds. Refreshments and Pot O' Gold Drawing during intermission. Admission: $6.
7:30 p.m. – **The Early Evening Show,** Buckfield High School. Join host Michael Miclon, Moto Hoonchbach, Dickie Hyper-Hynie, The Duffas, The Early Evening Show Orchestra, surprise guests and old favorites. FMI/Tickets: boodogfilms.com.

Sunday, Mar. 10
9 a.m. – **Letter B Notch Riders Meeting** at the Upton House.
4 to 6 p.m. – **Mountain Poets Meeting,** Fare Share Commons. All poets and poetry lovers are encouraged to come. FMI: 739-9115 or 743-9808.

Monday, Mar. 11
2 to 4 p.m. – **Knit and Chat Meeting,** Waterford Library.

Wednesday, Mar. 13
8 to 10 a.m. – **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging,** available at the West Paris Library to answer questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.
11 a.m. – **Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting,** Rooster's Roadhouse. Menu is a choice of Yankee pot roast or baked stuffed chicken breast. Price of meal is $11.75.

Thursday, Mar. 14
2 p.m. – **Carol Lilliequest Welsh at Whitman Memorial Library.** Carol, adoptee, birthmother, and adoptive mother's mission is to shine light on human strength and resilience, raise awareness of the complexities of adoption, and inspire artistic design and the written word through her jewelry and her book, "360 Square."
6 p.m. – **The Spirituality of Gardening** presented by Reverend and Master Gardener Virginia Rickeman at the CEB in Andover.
6:30 p.m. – **Journey Circle at "Heald" Within,** 66B Paris Street, Norway. Learn about the spirit of you and what awakening means for you. Donations accepted. FMI: "Heald" Within (744-0311).

Friday, Mar. 15
6 to 8 p.m. – **"Breathe In and Beyond" at "Heald" Within,** 66B Paris Street, Norway, with Chris and Paula Easton. Cost: $25. FMI: Breathe In and Beyond (329-7854).

Saturday, Mar. 16
7 a.m. to 10 p.m. – **Scrapbooking/Crafting Event,** Hope Association, Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. This fundraising event supports individuals with developmental disabilities. Cost: $35 includes space, chairs, breakfast, lunch, and supper. There will be a silent auction, 50/50, and door prizes. Space is limited. Call 364-4561 to reserve your spot.
9 a.m. to 12 noon – **Apple Tree Management/Pruning Workshop,** PieTree Orchard, 803 Waterford Road, Sweden. Presented by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and orchard manager, Scott Miller of PieTree Orchard. Cost: $25. Preregistration required. FMI/registration: Extension Office (743-6329) or Lesley Quick (lesley.quick@maine.edu).
9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – **Lovell Flea Market and Bake Sale,** Lovell United Church of Christ, Route 5, Center Lovell. Lunch, baked goods, crafts, flea market items, antiques, and furniture. For table rental or information call Linda Libby (925-3661).
10 a.m. – **Child-friendly Adventure on Maggie's Trails.** Gentle snowshoe hike. Snowshoes and poles needed. Snacks provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring water. Meet at the entrance to Maggie's Nature Park on Greenwood Road, Greenwood.
6 to 8 p.m. – **Wine and Beer Tasting,** White Cap Lodge, Sunday River. Sample wine and beer choices as well as appetizers. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bethel, proceeds benefit community projects and scholarships. Cost: $30 per person. FMI: 824-2808.
7 p.m. – **Wildlife Encounter,** Grand Summit Hotel Ballroom. Kids and adults will meet and learn about some of America's wild animals who call New England, the Great Plains, and the Everglades home. Tickets: Ages 5 and under, free; ages 6-12, $4/advance, $6/door; 13 and over $6/advance, $8/door.
7 p.m. to 12 a.m. – **St. Patrick's Day Dance with the Rockin' Roadrunners,** Jackson-Silver Post 68, Gore Road. Proceeds to benefit Greenwood Fire Auxiliary, Greenwood Fire, and Jackson-Silver Post 68 Auxiliary. 21+ event. BYOB. Tickets: $8/single, $15/couple. Pre-purchase at Greenwood Town Office or by calling Missy (393-7719) and save $1 per ticket.

Thursday, Mar. 21
1 to 4 p.m. – **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging,** available at Norway Town Hall to answer questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.
4:30 to 6 p.m. – **Good Meals in 30 Minutes or Less,** West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street. A workshop on putting together quick and healthy meals presented by chef, Elton Cole and registered dietician, Pat Watson. Food samples. Recipes. Free and open to the public. FMI: Rosabelle Tift (824-2053).
6 p.m. – **Bach Flower Workshop at "Heald" Within,** 66B Paris Street, Norway. Bach flowers are an integrative and natural way of working toward healing negative mental and emotional states. Cost: $35. FMI/reservations: "Heald" Within (744-0311) or Krissy Skye (739-2666).
7 to 9 p.m. – **Tar Sands Public Forum with Portland-Montreal Pipeline Officials,** Telstar High School auditorium.

Friday, Mar. 22
12:30 to 5:30 p.m. – **Western Maine Active Communities Conference,** Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Help transform your town by learning how to integrate physical activity opportunities into community planning, transportation, and land use decisions. This is a free event, but registration is required. FMI: Brendan Shauffler (Brendan@healthyoxfordhills.org).

Mar. 22, 23, and 24
13th Annual Mountain Valley Recreational Basketball Tournament, Mountain Valley High School and Mountain Valley Middle School. Two 8-team divisions compete in round robin tournaments. Shooting contest, trophies, giveaways, food and drink specials, and local entertainment. Team entry fee: $350/$375. Spectator admission: Free. FMI: Call Eddie Paterson (364-9352) or visit mvrbl.webs.com.

Saturday, Mar. 23
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo,** Bethel Inn Conference Center. Exhibitors include Maine and New Hampshire outfitters and guide services, sporting camps, wildlife artists and authors, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and others. Seminars, fly-tying demos and contest, door prizes and more. Admission: $5/adults, youth 15 and under, free. FMI: 824-3694 or www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Andover Food Pantry Food Sale Fundraiser.** The Andover Food Pantry works with the Good Shepherd Food Bank to provide food supplies to residents of Andover, Upton, Roxbury, and Byron. A variety of baked goods and takeout items will be available, and all money raised will be matched by a grant.
7 p.m. – **The Fly Fishing Film Tour,** Bethel Inn Conference Center. The film features a segment on the Maine salmon, produced by Carter Davidson of Gray Ghost Productions. Tickets: $7/advance purchase at the Expo, $10 at the door. FMI: 824-3694 or www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com.

Sunday, Mar. 24
7:30 to 11 a.m. – **Bethel Rotary Club Country Breakfast,** Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Tickets: $7/advance, $8/door. Children are $3.

Wednesday, Mar. 27
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging,** available at the Rumford Town Office to answer questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.
7 p.m. – **High-elevation Bird Monitoring in the Northeast,** McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Learn of efforts to monitor the elusive Bicknell's Thrush from conservation biologist, Judith Scarl.

Saturday, Mar. 30
2 p.m. – **Reaching Out for Liberty and Light: The Life of Frances Payne Bolton** presented by the Bethel Historical Society in celebration of Women's History Month. Frances Payne Bolton is recognized today as an outstanding and influential politician, humanitarian, philanthropist, and patriot. Bethel Historical Society Executive Director Emeritus, Stanley R. Howe, will introduce the film at the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street).

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdaysof the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.
Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Allance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; **fourth Thursday,** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. -Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, $3/Children 12 and under, $2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES
Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH
Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP
Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS
Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES
Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.
Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS
Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS
Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES
Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES
Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

XIBU EP ZPV HFU XIFO ZPV

_____

DSPTT B DPX XJUI B USBNQPMJOF?

_____

B NJMLTIBLF.

_____

For more puzzle fun, go to www.www.brainzzles.com

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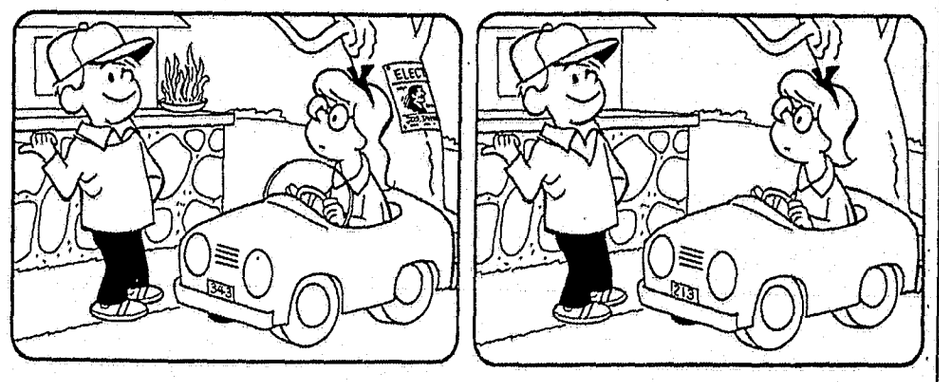
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Neckline is different. 2. Plant is missing. 3. License is different. 4. Windshield is missing. 5. Hair is different. 6. Poster is missing.

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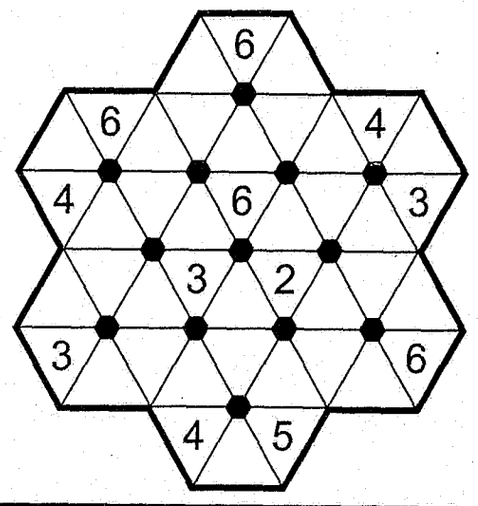
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

"I bet you'd sleep a lot better if you didn't eat a _____ sandwich and watch the late news at the same time."

Elude OVIDA

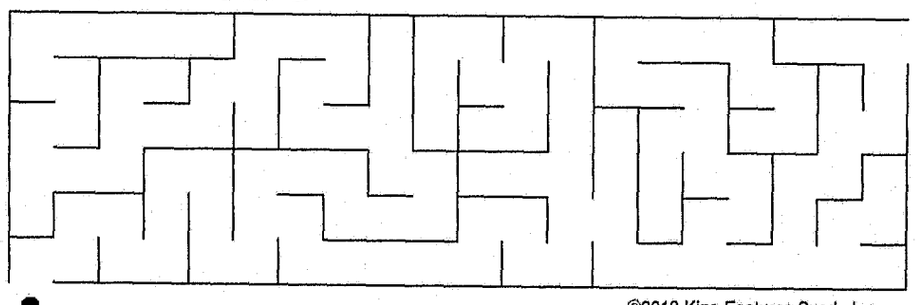
Slip DELIS

Vast GRALE

Imagine MARED

TODAY'S WORD

Kids' Maze



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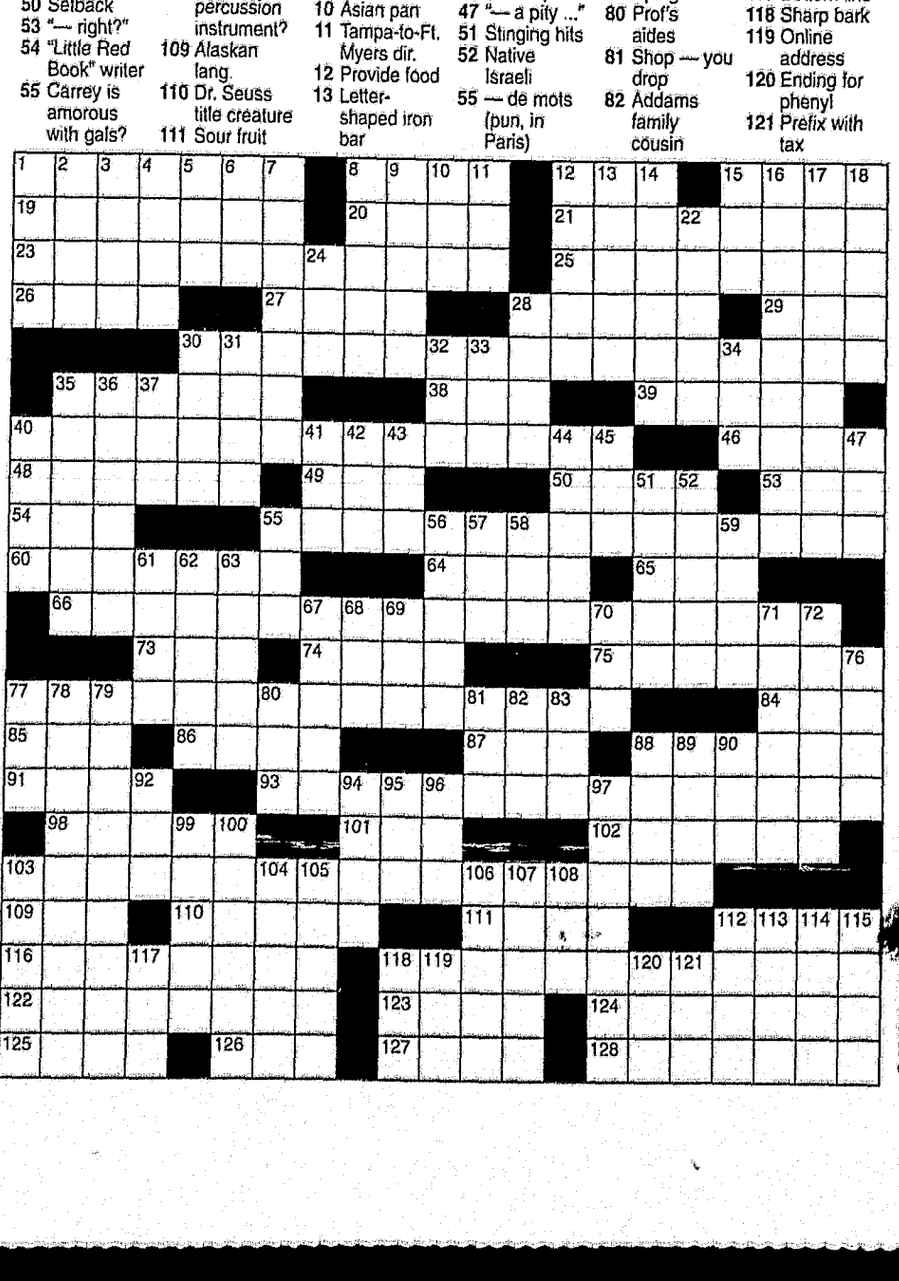
Super Crossword

ALPHABETICAL ACTS A-TO-A

ACROSS
1 Wise to
8 Raven calls
12 Salve target
15 Vacation facilities
19 Sticky stuff on a bat
20 Andy's radio sidekick
21 Abnormal
23 Curry does a patisserie job?
25 Ripped open
26 Olds antiques
27 Gains a lap?
28 Big scuffle
29 Petroleum
30 Hopper lifts weights?
35 Lighter fuel
38 Atop, to poets
39 "Swinging on —" (1944 hit song)
40 Wilder picks up a bug?
46 Forget to mention
48 Gain entry to
49 — Lady of Fatima
50 Setback
53 "— right?"
54 "Little Red Book" writer
55 Carrey is amorous with gals?
60 Big name in sportswear
64 Like Smurfs
65 Justices' org.
66 Astor feeds her infant?
73 Lyric-writing Gershwin
74 Ending for billion
75 Duncan of dance
77 Shriver gets off her soapbox?
84 Tattered cloth
85 — -Wan Kenobi
86 City map
87 Suffix with krypton
88 Llama's kin
91 Ostentatious display
93 Alito gets an arena worker's attention?
98 Lord of a manor
101 Tillis of song
102 Really annoy
103 Damone plays a percussion instrument?
109 Alaskan lang.
110 Dr. Seuss title creature
111 Sour fruit
112 Key near Alt
116 Directed light rays at
118 Brynner divides a site into districts?
122 Slum digs
123 Its cap. is 97-Down
124 Accustoming (to)
125 USMC NCO
126 "— gratias"
127 Defendant's answer
128 Some photocopies

DOWN
1 On — (equal in value)
2 Chablis, e.g.
3 — Domini (in the year of the Lord)
4 Graycoats
5 Greek letter
6 Sturdy wood
7 — lens (spotlight component)
8 Prickly desert plants
9 Garner
10 Asian pan
11 Tampa-to-Ft. Myers dir.
12 Provide food
13 Letter-shaped iron bar
14 Mother with a Nobel
15 — Lanka
16 Sweeping views
17 Against lawbreaking
18 Embezzled
22 Scuba spots
24 Moral lapse
28 — mortal
30 Morse bits
31 Space chimp of 1961
32 Nearly an eternity
33 Deletes, with "out"
34 Platte River tribe
35 "Stop panicking!"
36 Old 7UP nickname, with "the"
37 No-frills shirt
40 Chess, e.g.
41 "— dare?"
42 Total amount
43 Rankle
44 Western actor Lee Van —
45 Lean- — (hovels)
47 "— a pity ..."
51 Stinging hits
52 Native Israeli
55 — de mots (pun, in Paris)
56 Henrik who wrote "Peer Gynt"
57 — -mo (replay choice)
58 End-of-word add-on: Abbr.
59 Voiced
61 Actor La Salle
62 Pancake pour-on
63 Sluggish sort
67 Jamaican with dreadlocks, often
68 "Yes, —!"
69 Time chunk
70 Contract need: Abbr.
71 "Nick and — Infinite Playlist"
72 Brings honor to
76 Gel for a petri dish
77 Explode
78 Eradicates
79 Aping
80 Prof's aides
81 Shop — you drop
82 Addams family cousin
83 School lobby gp.
88 Dumb — ox
89 Attract
90 Free TV ad
92 Church seat
94 Tullius' 2,020
95 180, slangily
96 Right angle
97 City northwest of Tucson
99 Stupid, clumsy sort
100 Wore away
103 Bodices, e.g.
104 Norwegian currency
105 Brazil's Espírito —
106 Colonel North, briefly
107 Cheesy pie
108 Medical care gp.
112 Italian "dear"
113 Cereal that's "for kids"
114 Lacoste of tennis
115 Fails to keep up
117 Bottom line
118 Sharp bark
119 Online address
120 Ending for phenyl
121 Prefix with tax



Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.

		1		3		
			2			3
		1				
			3		1	
	4		2			
2		2		1		

DIFFICULTY: ★★

Easy ★★Moderate ★★★YOWZA!

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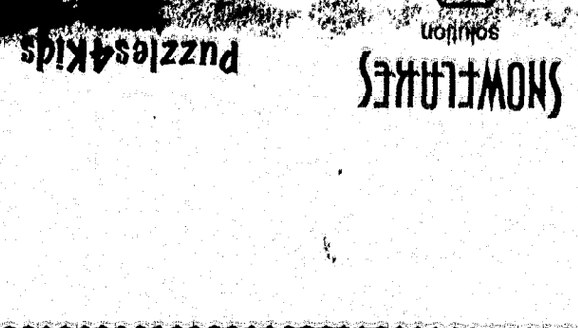
Kids' Maze solution



SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Avoid; 2. Slide; 3. Large; 4. Dream

Today's Word: SALAMI

Super Crossword answers

Star★Map solution

SNOWFLAKES solution

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Puzzles4Kids

cross a cow with a frump

A milkshake.

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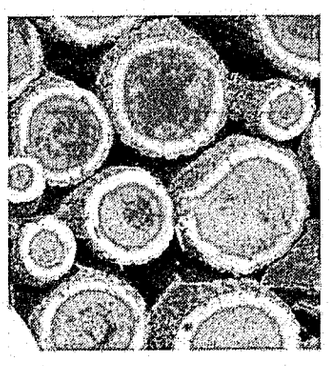

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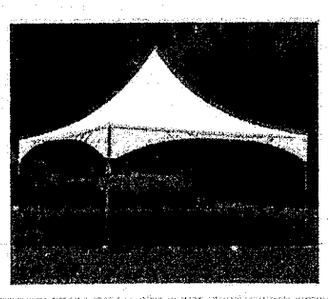

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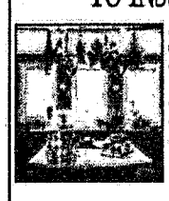

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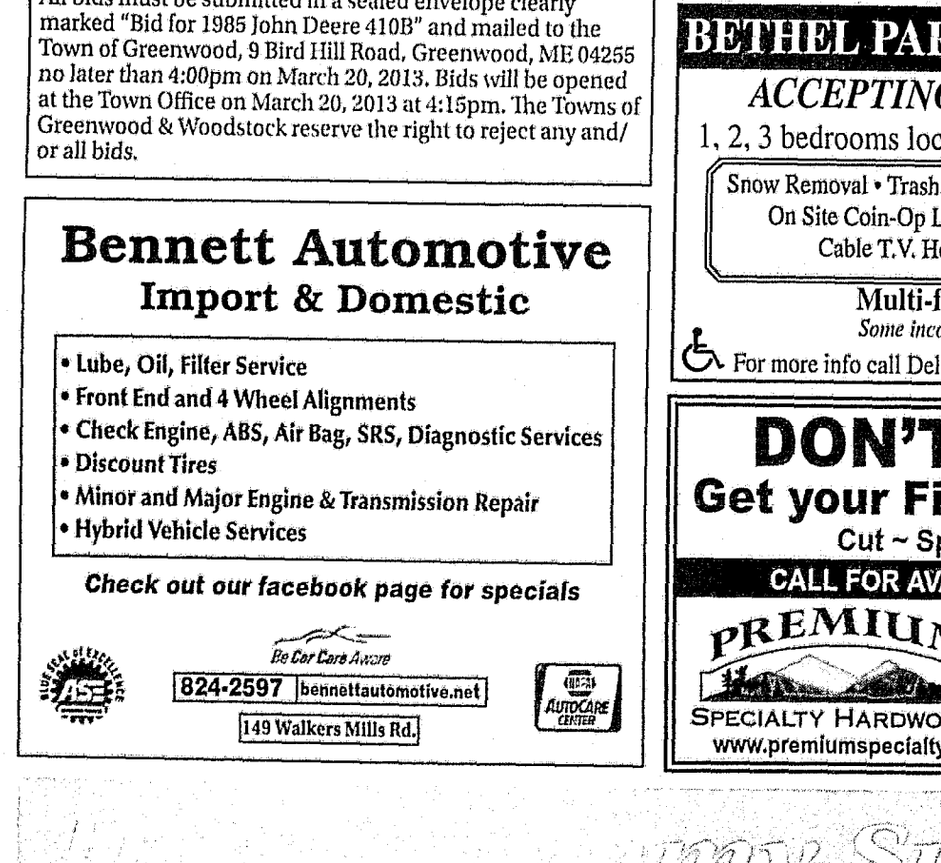
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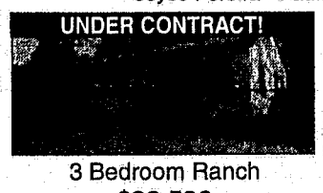

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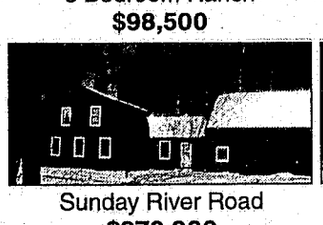
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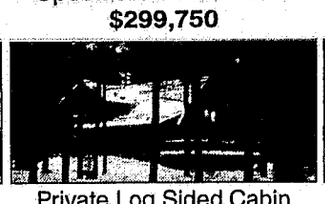
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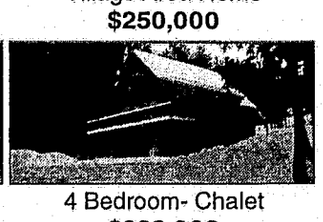
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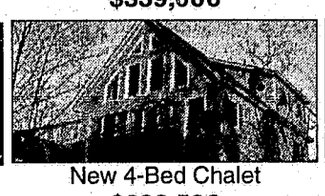
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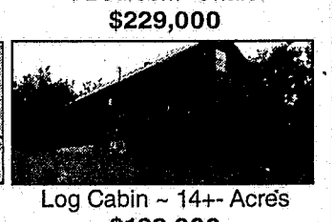
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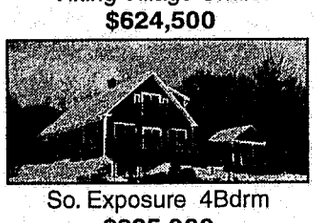
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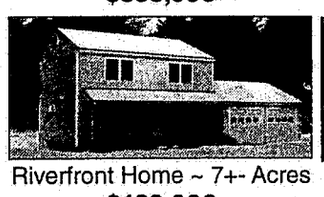
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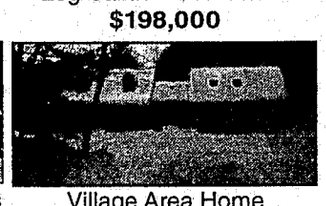
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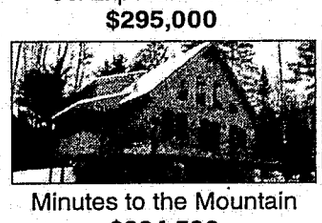
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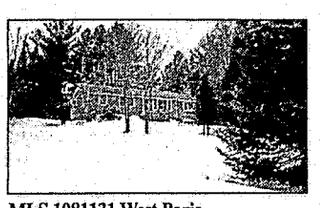
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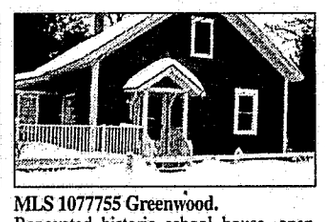
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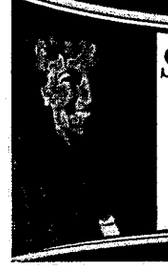

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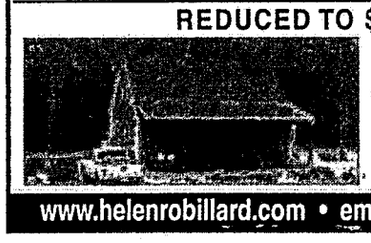

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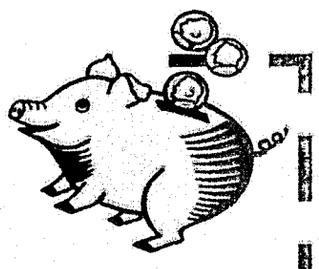

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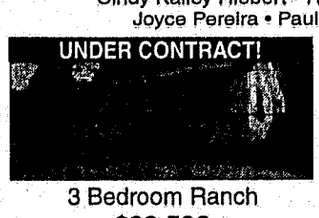

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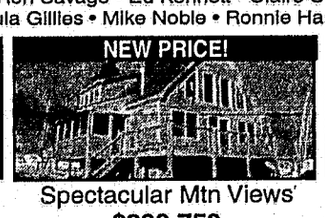

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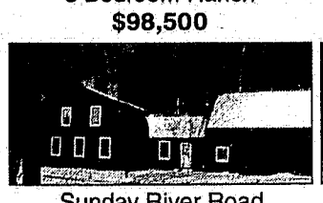
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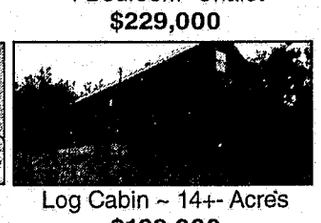
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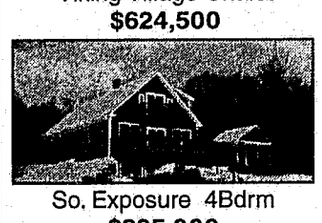
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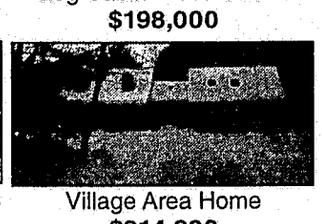
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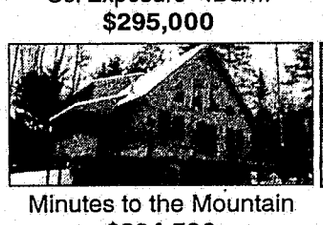
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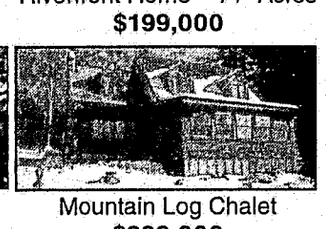
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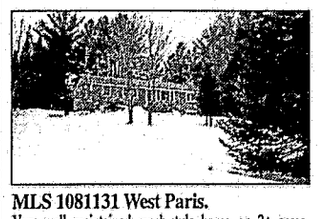
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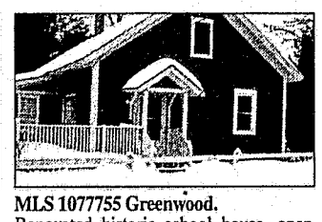
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Edward P. and Patricia K. Schreiber to James R. and Deborah A. Edmunds of Wayland, Mass., condominium at 372 Skiway Road. $170,000, Dec. 14, 2012.

Meadow View Estates, LLC, to Adam True and William R. Palm of West Newbury, Mass., Lot 10 at Meadow View Estates Subdivision. $30,000, Dec. 14, 2012.

Barker Mountain Village Developers, LLC, to Carmen A. and Kathleen Catanese of Rocky Hills, N.J., land and building at 74 Valley View Drive. $412,000, Dec. 17, 2012.

Tempest Development, LLC, to Juan F. and Jennifer S. Rivera of Boston, Mass., condominium at 14 Parott Drive. $545,000, Dec. 17, 2012.

Richard A. Hoey to David R. and Jillian M. McCarthy of Marshfield, Mass., condominium at 10 Brookside Drive. $152,000, Dec. 21, 2012.

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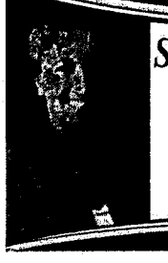

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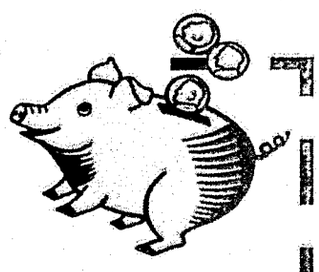

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JAN N. BROWNSTEIN

On Feb. 19, 2013, Jan Neal Brownstein died peacefully at home following a stroke while vacationing in Jamaica.

Jan was born on Nov. 1, 1949, in Washington, DC, the son of Herman and Harriet Brownstein. His family moved to Nashua, N.H., when Jan was 13. After graduating from Nashua High School, Jan attended Keene State College and Colby College.

An avid mineral collector, Jan turned his passion into his profession when he co-purchased the Songo Pond Mine in Bethel, Maine in the late 1990s. He worked as a gemologist and cut and sold aquamarine and other gemstones from the mine. He was especially proud of his work in Maine gems and minerals. Along his journey, Jan was always accompanied by trusted and loving canine companions: Savage, Topaz and Boss, Cinnamon, and most recently, his California rescue dog, Callie.

Jan is survived by his father, Herman Brownstein, his brother, Mark Brownstein, his sister, Linda West, his daughter, Julie DeGreenia, his grandchildren, Emily, Branden, Julian, and Alexus, his niece, Hannah Brownstein, his nephew, Jesse West, his uncle and aunt, Julian and Marilyn Korn, numerous cousins, and some of the best friends a person could ever want in life.

A celebration of Jan's life was held privately at his home.

FLORENCE MARY DURGIN

Florence Mary Durgin, 92, passed away on March 2, 2013 at the Hospice House, Auburn, Maine.

Mary was born Oct. 14, 1920, in Paris, to Austin and Ida (Lowell) Stearns. She attended Paris High School, where she played basketball and participated in the orchestra and glee club. She graduated in 1939. She was a WAAC from September 1943 to October 1945. She served as secretary to Liaison Officer, 9th Air Force. She spent time during her deployment in Scotland and England.

On Dec. 26, 1945, she married her high school sweetheart, Stanley Durgin. They made their home on Paris Hill for 65 years, where they raised their family. When her children were young Mary was a homemaker, but when they got into school, she began working at the Fox School as a secretary. She was transferred to the SAD 17 Superintendent's office, where she worked as their payroll clerk, until she retired at age 62.

In her retirement, she enjoyed gardening and she was an avid reader. She liked eating out and going for rides all over the Oxford hills. You never knew where she and Stan would show up.

Mary loved to laugh, she was quite a joker. She'd laugh with you, at you or even at herself. She lived a long and active life full of family and friends. She loved her grandchildren and spent a lot of time with them over the years. She and Stan went to all of their school activities and ball games. She was their biggest fan. For the past 10 years, she has been spoiling her great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Vickie Matero and husband Stan of Gray; son, Larry and wife Tara of Greenwood; granddaughter, Jessica Richardson and husband Phil; grandson, Kaleb Durgin and wife Heidi; grandson, Kinsey Durgin and Pernille; great-grandchildren, Kyle, Ashley Graycee Richardson and Kaydence Durgin and her brother, due in June; stepgrandchildren, David and Cathy Matero and their son, Oskar, Karen Matero, and Tim and Angie Matero and their son Jordan; sisters, Lura, Ruth, Isabelle and Virginia; and a brother, Harry. She was predeceased by her husband, Stan; her brothers, Roger and Hubert; and sisters, Frances and Isadore.

A special thank you to her "team" Billiejo, Jessi S. and Jessie P. who made it possible for her to stay at home for so long and the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice House nurses and CNAs.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a..m. Saturday, March 9, at Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, 45 Main Street, South Paris. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Hospice House Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, PO Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04240.

EDITH W. SEASHORE

Edith Whitfield Seashore, 84, died on Feb. 23, 2013, in the hours following the memorial service for her late husband, Charles N. Seashore, with her daughters by her side.

She was the first child of Nathan and Florence Whitfield of Montclair, N.J., and was born on March 8, 1928, fittingly on International Women's Day as she would become a pioneer in a male-dominated field and an agent of change with regard to women's rights.

She earned a BA in Sociology from Antioch College, where she was Community Manager and worked with Douglas McGregor. She earned an MA in Social-Psychology from Columbia University. In 1950, Edie went to Bethel, Maine, to learn from and work with National Training Laboratories (NTL) in Applied Behavioral Science. She met Charlie Seashore there when he was a participant in a group she was training. They became collaborators and married, celebrating 52 years together before Charles's death in January.

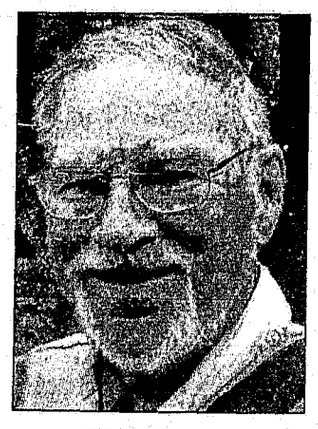
While at NTL, Edie became increasing connected to the field of group dynamics. She became first female president of NTL at a critical time in the organization. She was a consultant in organization development (OD) with clients including Bell Telephone Systems, Walter Reed Hospital, the Defense Mapping Agency, and the U.S. Naval Academy. She co-founded the Lewin Institute for Social Change, Action and Research and was the board co-chair for many years. With the late Morley Segal, she co-founded the American University/NTL Masters Program in OD. She taught at numerous other universities including Johns Hopkins, University of Massachusetts, Pepperdine, and Concordia and in many countries. In 2001, she was recognized by the OD Network with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

One award of which she was very proud was the "Business Person of the Year" from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, which she received in the late 1970s.

Edie was a true optimist and could weave a great story out of any situation. Recently she wrote a six-word memoir of her life: "Marriage, Family, Career – had it all!" She not only saw the good in others, she brought it out.

Edie is survived by her daughters Becky and Kim and her sons-in-law C.J. and Jeff, her brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Diane, siblings-in-law Marjorie and Dick Seashore, and grandchildren Benjamin, Natalie, Nathan, Nick, and Ella. She is lovingly remembered and missed by her family, and her many colleagues, students and friends around the world.

Donations in Edie's memory can be made to Seashore Memorial Fund at NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science (www.ntl.org) or Antioch College (https://donate.antiochcollege.org/). Memorial services will be held March 9, at the Sheraton Columbia Town Center in Columbia, Md., and on July 21 in Bethel.



EDWARD R. GILLANDER

Edward Robert Gillander (Ed), 83, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, passed away on March 2, 2013 after a battle with cancer.

Edward was born in Portland, Maine on January 5, 1930. He graduated from Portland High School in 1948 and graduated Portland Junior College, in 1951.

Edward was married on July 2, 1954 to Bertha Estelle Gillander, who passed away on June 7, 1987. He was also blessed to share the last 23 years of his life with Patricia Amabile Wilson of Portland, Maine.

Edward worked as an office clerk for Texaco for over 20 years, and prior to that, worked for the Portland Pipeline. Ed was an avid outdoorsman. His hobbies included camping, hunting, fishing and picking up "sea glass" while walking on the local area beaches.

An accomplished photographer, Ed, spent many of his days traveling and taking photographs of the landscapes and nature he so loved. He also enjoyed tracing his Scots heritage. This passion for Celtic history and music took Edward twice to Scotland and he attended Highland Games events throughout the US. Edward was a 40 year member of Hiram Lodge #180 A.F.& A.M. He was also the Secretary of the Highland Memorial Cemetery Association.

Edward is survived by his son Randall Alan Gillander and his wife Brenda, daughter Jill Amy Gillander Cyr, grandchildren Ellen Elyse Gillander and Ross Randall Gillander, his loving partner Patricia Wilson, and her family to whom Eddie was a beloved father and grandfather, and countless other friends and family.

Edward is preceded in death by his wife Bertha Estelle Collins Gillander, parents Maude Arlene and Eldon Robert Gillander, brothers Raymond and Clifford "Buster" Gillander and Arnold and Paul Herrick.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013 from 1 – 3pm at A.T. Hutchins Funeral and Cremation Services, 660 Brighton Avenue, Portland, Maine. A memorial service will follow at the funeral home at 3pm, officiated by Pastor Ruth Morrison from the Cape Elizabeth United Methodist Church. A private internment will take place at Highland Memorial Cemetery at a later date. To offer words of condolence and share memories with the family, please go to the obituaries section at www.athutchins.com

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to the Maine Cancer Foundation, 170 US Route 1, Suite 250, Falmouth, Maine 04106 http://mainecancer.org/ .

The family of Edward Gillander wishes to thank the staff of the Zolov Unit at the Barron Center in Portland for their kind and compassionate palliative care. Randy, Jill and Patty would also like to thank their work families from Mayo Clinic, Marriott International and the Park Danforth for their compassion and understanding in allowing them to share the most time possible with Ed in his last days.

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